

**Table 7.4**  
**Persons Using Medicare Home Health Agency Services, Visits, and Charges, by Type of Visit, Type of Agency, and Type of Control:**  
**Calendar Year 2004**

Type of Visit	Type of Agency						Type of Control		
	All Agencies	Visiting Nurse Association	Combined Government and Voluntary	Official Health Agency	Hospital-Based	Other <sup>1</sup>	Voluntary Non-Profit	Proprietary	Government
Persons Served in Thousands									
Total <sup>2</sup>	2,836	453	6	233	784	1,468	1,477	1,290	179
Nursing Care	2,599	401	6	202	685	1,306	1,288	1,151	161
Home Health Aide	754	112	2	65	191	384	357	340	57
Physical Therapy	1,864	289	3	144	492	936	946	818	102
Speech Therapy	96	15	(4)	7	27	47	50	41	5
Occupational Therapy	651	109	1	43	177	320	349	274	29
Other <sup>3</sup>	419	68	1	29	114	207	226	177	16
Percent of Persons Served									
Total <sup>2</sup>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Nursing Care	91.7	88.4	94.3	87.0	87.3	89.0	87.2	89.2	90.2
Home Health Aide	26.6	24.7	34.9	27.7	24.4	26.1	24.1	26.4	32.0
Physical Therapy	65.7	63.8	56.0	61.9	62.7	63.8	64.1	63.4	57.1
Speech Therapy	3.4	3.3	1.7	2.9	3.5	3.2	3.4	3.2	2.9
Occupational Therapy	23.0	24.2	15.5	18.6	22.6	21.8	23.6	21.2	16.4
Other <sup>3</sup>	14.8	15.0	10.3	12.4	14.5	14.1	15.3	13.7	8.9
Visits in Thousands									
Total	89,130	11,908	235	7,614	18,261	51,112	36,208	47,862	5,060
Nursing Care	45,383	5,688	128	3,830	8,903	26,834	17,273	25,757	2,353
Home Health Aide	18,797	2,757	57	1,687	3,606	10,691	7,597	9,832	1,368
Physical Therapy	19,786	2,667	40	1,715	4,465	10,898	8,767	9,928	1,091
Speech Therapy	637	85	1	53	171	327	308	290	39
Occupational Therapy	3,747	571	8	270	916	1,982	1,840	1,730	177
Other <sup>3</sup>	780	140	1	59	200	380	424	325	31

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Percent Distribution of Visits									
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Nursing Care	50.9	47.8	54.3	50.3	48.8	52.5	47.7	53.8	46.5
Home Health Aide	21.1	23.2	24.1	22.2	19.7	20.9	21.0	20.5	27.0
Physical Therapy	22.2	22.4	17.1	22.5	24.5	21.3	24.2	20.7	21.6
Speech Therapy	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.8
Occupational Therapy	4.2	4.8	3.4	3.6	5.0	3.9	5.1	3.6	3.5
Other <sup>3</sup>	0.9	1.2	0.6	0.8	1.1	0.7	1.2	0.7	0.6
Visit Charges in Millions									
Total	\$10,815	\$1,377	\$23	\$882	\$2,347	\$6,187	\$4,456	\$5,814	\$544
Nursing Care	5,918	733	13	483	1,231	3,458	2,316	3,315	287
Home Health Aide	1,401	177	3	121	285	815	552	758	90
Physical Therapy	2,747	355	5	226	637	1,525	1,213	1,399	135
Speech Therapy	90	12	(5)	7	25	47	44	42	5
Occupational Therapy	525	76	1	37	132	280	257	246	22
Other <sup>3</sup>	134	23	(5)	9	38	63	74	55	5
Percent Distribution of Visit Charges:									
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Nursing Care	54.7	53.3	59.1	54.7	52.4	55.9	52.0	57.0	52.7
Home Health Aide	13.0	12.9	15.2	13.7	12.1	13.2	12.4	13.0	16.6
Physical Therapy	25.4	25.8	20.2	25.6	27.1	24.7	27.2	24.1	24.8
Speech Therapy	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.8	1.1	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.9
Occupational Therapy	4.9	5.5	4.3	4.2	5.6	4.5	5.8	4.2	4.0
Other <sup>3</sup>	1.2	1.7	0.8	1.0	1.6	1.0	1.7	0.9	0.9

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Average Number of Visits per Person Served									
Total	31	26	39	33	23	35	25	37	28
Nursing Care	18	14	23	19	13	21	13	22	15
Home Health Aide	25	25	27	26	19	28	21	29	24
Physical Therapy	11	9	12	12	9	12	9	12	11
Speech Therapy	7	6	10	8	6	7	6	7	8
Occupational Therapy	6	5	9	6	5	6	5	6	6
Other <sup>3</sup>	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Average Visit Charge per Visit									
Total	\$121	\$116	\$97	\$116	\$129	\$121	\$123	\$121	\$108
Nursing Care	130	129	105	126	138	129	134	129	122
Home Health Aide	75	64	61	71	79	76	73	77	66
Physical Therapy	139	133	114	132	143	140	138	141	124
Speech Therapy	142	139	103	134	146	142	143	143	124
Occupational Therapy	140	134	121	135	144	141	140	142	125
Other <sup>3</sup>	172	165	133	156	190	167	175	168	165
Average Visit Charge per Person Served									
Total	\$3,814	\$3,039	\$3,777	\$3,788	\$2,992	\$4,215	\$3,017	\$4,507	\$3,043
Nursing Care	2,277	1,830	2,366	2,384	1,797	2,648	1,798	2,881	1,778
Home Health Aide	1,858	1,586	1,642	1,867	1,486	2,123	1,548	2,230	1,582
Physical Therapy	1,474	1,228	1,360	1,568	1,295	1,629	1,282	1,710	1,322
Speech Therapy	938	792	1,018	1,031	915	984	872	1,018	943
Occupational Therapy	806	697	1,046	845	743	873	736	900	752
Other <sup>3</sup>	320	340	301	318	334	306	329	308	319

<sup>1</sup>Represents skilled nursing facility-based, freestanding non-visiting nurse association agencies, community home health agencies, rehabilitation-based agencies, and unknown agencies.

<sup>2</sup>Numbers do not add to total since persons may receive more than 1 type of service.

<sup>3</sup>Includes medical social services and other health disciplines.

<sup>4</sup>Fewer than 500 persons served.

<sup>5</sup>Less than \$500,000.

NOTE: Total charges and visit charges are shown for trend purposes only. With the implementation of the home health agency prospective payment system, beginning October 1, 2000, program payments are now associated with episodes and not with individual visits. Numbers may not add to total because of rounding.

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