

Table 9.5

**Persons Served, Services, Submitted and Allowed Charges, Program Payments, and Balance Billing  
for Medicare Physician and Supplier Services, by Physician Specialty: Calendar Year 2004**

Physician/Supplier Specialty <sup>1</sup>	Persons Served <sup>2</sup>	Services		Per Person Served <sup>2</sup>	Submitted Charges		Per Person Served <sup>2</sup>
		Number in Thousands	Percent		Amount in Thousands	Percent	
Total All Specialties	32,961,620	1,662,332	100.0	50.4	\$215,840,889	100.0	\$6,548
Total Physicians	32,508,360	1,139,368	68.5	35.0	163,339,396	75.7	5,025
General Practice	3,207,580	24,789	1.5	7.7	1,960,345	0.9	611
General Surgery	4,477,380	15,871	1.0	3.5	5,956,594	2.8	1,330
Allergy and Immunology	414,780	12,136	0.7	29.3	284,130	0.1	685
Otology, Laryngology, Rhinolog	2,989,520	14,342	0.9	4.8	1,796,647	0.8	601
Anesthesiology	5,703,700	14,608	0.9	2.6	7,275,384	3.4	1,276
Cardiology	11,492,620	111,578	6.7	9.7	18,111,318	8.4	1,576
Dermatology	5,316,400	36,479	2.2	6.9	2,964,631	1.4	558
Family Practice	13,696,560	124,601	7.5	9.1	7,987,379	3.7	583
Gastroenterology	4,558,520	16,138	1.0	3.5	4,667,137	2.2	1,024
Internal Medicine	18,199,780	207,888	12.5	11.4	17,712,250	8.2	973
Manipulative Therapy	110,240	954	(5)	8.7	74,227	(5)	673
Neurology	3,299,340	16,521	1.0	5.0	2,477,066	1.1	751
Neurological Surger	752,300	2,467	0.1	3.3	2,087,170	1.0	2,774
Obstetrics and Gynecology	2,576,180	8,752	0.5	3.4	1,240,839	0.6	482
Ophthalmology	11,719,720	41,671	2.5	3.6	10,379,462	4.8	886
Oral Surgery (Dentists Only)	92,640	196	(5)	2.1	46,727	(5)	504
Orthopedic Surgery	5,290,180	33,810	2.0	6.4	9,021,083	4.2	1,705
Pathology	6,141,600	21,598	1.3	3.5	2,449,108	1.1	399
Plastic and Reconstructive Surger	498,620	1,750	0.1	3.5	763,416	0.4	1,531
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitatio	1,410,340	14,389	0.9	10.2	1,446,676	0.7	1,026
Psychiatry	2,241,120	16,847	1.0	7.5	1,765,364	0.8	788
Colorectal Surgery (Proctology	270,640	714	(5)	2.6	292,476	0.1	1,081
Pulmonary Disease	2,968,800	23,047	1.4	7.8	2,679,963	1.2	903
Diagnostic Radiology	20,280,640	100,463	6.0	5.0	14,650,361	6.8	722
Thoracic Surgery	531,580	1,641	0.1	3.1	1,480,178	0.7	2,784
Urology	4,429,340	28,742	1.7	6.5	5,427,291	2.5	1,225
Chiropractic	2,112,440	21,241	1.3	10.1	841,667	0.4	398
Nuclear Medicine	539,900	1,400	0.1	2.6	293,446	0.1	544
Pediatric Medicine	320,960	1,922	0.1	6.0	171,942	0.1	536
Geriatric Medicine	381,120	2,293	0.1	6.0	202,919	0.1	532
Nephrology	1,472,200	17,304	1.0	11.8	2,980,414	1.4	2,024
Optometrist	5,161,780	10,624	0.6	2.1	824,658	0.4	160
Infectious Disease	816,200	8,475	0.5	10.4	857,804	0.4	1,051
Endocrinology	1,097,300	7,780	0.5	7.1	564,188	0.3	514
Podiatry	6,040,220	32,214	1.9	5.3	2,276,423	1.1	377

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Amount in Thousands	Percent	Per Person Served <sup>2</sup>	Assigned in Thousands	Percent of Charges Assigned <sup>3</sup>	Amount in Thousands	Percent	Per Person Served <sup>4</sup>	Amount in Thousands	Per Person With Liability
\$102,067,747	100.0	\$3,097	\$101,187,982	99.1	\$79,178,272	100.0	\$2,454	\$63,625	\$27
76,403,626	74.9	2,350	75,667,639	99.0	58,718,311	74.2	1,855	54,758	29
1,250,509	1.2	390	1,235,399	98.8	945,462	1.2	306	922	16
2,267,028	2.2	506	2,255,674	99.5	1,770,829	2.2	404	935	33
189,605	0.2	457	185,645	97.9	144,110	0.2	356	290	25
874,175	0.9	292	866,323	99.1	661,907	0.8	229	629	16
1,669,612	1.6	293	1,663,150	99.6	1,314,178	1.7	232	548	24
7,635,040	7.5	664	7,598,094	99.5	5,937,739	7.5	527	3,008	31
1,988,486	1.9	374	1,948,598	98.0	1,507,285	1.9	294	3,205	20
5,020,127	4.9	367	4,959,874	98.8	3,680,762	4.6	280	4,627	18
1,714,620	1.7	376	1,699,390	99.1	1,327,701	1.7	296	1,245	27
10,454,577	10.2	574	10,323,260	98.7	7,947,833	10.0	448	10,821	23
45,594	(5)	414	44,189	96.9	35,058	(5)	328	82	23
1,384,143	1.4	420	1,372,072	99.1	1,064,962	1.3	330	1,029	28
542,112	0.5	721	536,507	99.0	424,504	0.5	577	482	61
594,615	0.6	231	584,012	98.2	453,164	0.6	181	766	13
5,087,567	5.0	434	5,038,710	99.0	3,840,937	4.9	344	3,939	20
24,386	(5)	263	21,904	89.8	18,880	(5)	210	137	23
3,252,596	3.2	615	3,233,782	99.4	2,518,915	3.2	490	1,568	39
900,841	0.9	147	894,883	99.3	712,735	0.9	118	512	17
282,093	0.3	566	279,307	99.0	220,658	0.3	454	226	34
792,106	0.8	562	788,048	99.5	621,133	0.8	446	334	27
1,128,135	1.1	503	1,093,670	96.9	713,370	0.9	328	2,332	40
116,618	0.1	431	115,403	99.0	90,218	0.1	340	105	35
1,544,671	1.5	520	1,538,544	99.6	1,205,039	1.5	412	528	24
5,331,917	5.2	263	5,284,526	99.1	4,166,576	5.3	211	4,083	38
451,082	0.4	849	449,349	99.6	356,567	0.5	681	143	50
2,903,870	2.8	656	2,890,512	99.5	2,259,954	2.9	517	1,150	30
692,660	0.7	328	592,717	85.6	515,463	0.7	255	4,618	15
128,527	0.1	238	125,777	97.9	101,131	0.1	191	247	38
95,876	0.1	299	95,606	99.7	73,385	0.1	235	14	13
130,279	0.1	342	128,762	98.8	98,294	0.1	265	136	31
1,603,216	1.6	1,089	1,599,552	99.8	1,261,063	1.6	867	321	24
678,706	0.7	131	666,627	98.2	479,024	0.6	102	254	7
483,604	0.5	593	481,539	99.6	380,457	0.5	471	178	24
343,449	0.3	313	334,739	97.5	266,385	0.3	247	727	19
1,554,117	1.5	257	1,543,852	99.3	1,169,686	1.5	199	544	12

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Rheumatology	1,276,280	13,422	0.8	10.5	\$1,512,600	0.7	\$1,185
Vascular Surgery	1,155,820	3,503	0.2	3.0	1,409,685	0.7	1,220
Cardiac Surgery	352,720	1,154	0.1	3.3	1,236,277	0.6	3,505
Hematology/Oncology	1,575,920	56,416	3.4	35.8	9,334,260	4.3	5,923
Medical Oncology	678,840	23,223	1.4	34.2	4,085,774	1.9	6,019
Radiation Oncology	890,280	10,397	0.6	11.7	3,774,975	1.7	4,240
Emergency Medicine	8,517,700	21,300	1.3	2.5	5,045,288	2.3	592
All Other Physician <sup>6</sup>	NA	14,708	0.9	NA	2,929,854	1.4	NA
Group Practice	397,200	2,465	0.1	6.2	185,535	0.1	467
Total Non-Physician	12,186,340	97,874	5.9	8.0	15,989,816	7.4	1,312
Total Suppliers	22,287,920	422,625	25.4	19.0	36,326,143	16.8	1,630

<sup>1</sup>Refer to Part B physician or provider specialty code as listed in the data dictionary for the National Claims History, prepared by the Office of Information Services.

<sup>2</sup>Includes beneficiaries who received covered services but for whom no program payments were reported during the year. Numbers do not add to totals because beneficiaries may use more than one service during the reporting year.

<sup>3</sup>Ratio of assigned allowed charges to total allowed charges. Includes charges for supplier services.

<sup>4</sup>The average program payment per person served does not reflect beneficiaries who received covered services but for whom no program payments were reported.

<sup>5</sup>Less than 0.05 percent.

<sup>6</sup>Includes critical care, addiction to medicine, hand surgery, peripheral vascular disease, preventive medicine, maxillofacial surgery, neuropsychiatry, surgical oncology, interventional radiology, hematology, gynecologist/oncologist, pain management, and unknown physician's specialty.

NOTES: Medicare charges and program payments represent fee-for-service utilization only. Due to the clarification in the billing policy of Group Practices where the actual specialty code of the performing physician within the practice is now coded, the utilization and expenditures for group practice has dropped dramatically. Numbers may not add to total because of rounding. NA is not applicable.

SOURCE: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Office of Information Services: Data from the Medicare Data Extract System; data development by the Office of Research, Development, and Information.

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\$935,390	0.9	\$733	\$921,146	98.5	\$720,103	0.9	\$575	\$1,206	\$24
511,059	0.5	442	509,972	99.8	400,721	0.5	352	93	39
370,188	0.4	1,050	366,656	99.0	292,808	0.4	840	311	64
4,963,176	4.9	3,149	4,958,344	99.9	3,935,761	5.0	2,526	422	38
2,061,172	2.0	3,036	2,060,162	99.9	1,633,134	2.1	2,436	90	24
1,321,385	1.3	1,484	1,310,510	99.2	1,046,459	1.3	1,213	975	186
1,872,296	1.8	220	1,870,271	99.9	1,452,871	1.8	174	166	12
1,212,401	1.2	NA	1,200,582	99.0	951,090	1.2	NA	810	NA
73,488	0.1	185	73,227	99.6	59,674	0.1	153	17	5
6,334,842	6.2	520	6,313,807	99.7	4,771,899	6.0	398	1,189	11
19,255,791	18.9	864	19,133,309	99.4	15,628,387	19.7	704	7,660	17