

Table 9.5

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Physician/Supplier Specialty ¹	Persons Served ²	Services			Submitted Charges		
		Number in Thousands	Percent	Per Person Served ²	Amount in Thousands	Percent	Per Person Served ²
Total All Specialties	31,826,820	1,798,520	100.0	56.5	\$274,355,179	100.0	\$8,620
Total Physicians	31,283,420	1,173,125	65.2	37.5	198,212,855	72.2	6,336
General Practice	2,220,580	14,922	0.8	6.7	1,398,197	0.5	630
General Surgery	3,987,520	14,275	0.8	3.6	6,290,217	2.3	1,577
Allergy and Immunology	405,700	11,429	0.6	28.2	320,643	0.1	790
Otology, Laryngology, Rhinology	2,968,080	14,742	0.8	5.0	2,182,128	0.8	735
Anesthesiology	5,675,460	15,787	0.9	2.8	9,016,140	3.3	1,589
Cardiology	11,806,780	114,906	6.4	9.7	20,442,725	7.5	1,731
Dermatology	5,740,480	39,956	2.2	7.0	4,181,095	1.5	728
Family Practice	13,690,320	123,566	6.9	9.0	9,401,175	3.4	687
Gastroenterology	4,508,980	15,230	0.8	3.4	5,249,276	1.9	1,164
Internal Medicine	17,419,260	201,217	11.2	11.6	20,151,704	7.3	1,157
Manipulative Therapy	130,640	930	0.1	7.1	106,627	(5)	816
Neurology	3,363,320	17,268	1.0	5.1	3,168,111	1.2	942
Neurological Surgery	775,760	2,703	0.2	3.5	2,626,650	1.0	3,386
Obstetrics and Gynecology	2,406,400	7,666	0.4	3.2	1,404,413	0.5	584
Ophthalmology	10,940,320	46,659	2.6	4.3	12,206,778	4.4	1,116
Oral Surgery (Dentists Only)	83,420	198	(5)	2.4	49,630	(5)	595
Orthopedic Surgery	5,354,100	35,782	2.0	6.7	10,902,122	4.0	2,036
Pathology	5,984,260	24,470	1.4	4.1	3,208,683	1.2	536
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	457,800	1,703	0.1	3.7	873,684	0.3	1,908
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	1,483,380	14,391	0.8	9.7	1,912,209	0.7	1,289
Psychiatry	2,179,260	15,512	0.9	7.1	1,847,780	0.7	848
Colorectal Surgery (Proctology)	276,360	755	(5)	2.7	349,022	0.1	1,263
Pulmonary Disease	3,104,580	23,254	1.3	7.5	3,307,692	1.2	1,065
Diagnostic Radiology	19,878,980	106,744	5.9	5.4	17,665,794	6.4	889
Thoracic Surgery	443,900	1,430	0.1	3.2	1,373,665	0.5	3,095
Urology	4,408,000	30,059	1.7	6.8	5,965,232	2.2	1,353
Chiropractic	2,082,700	22,261	1.2	10.7	964,588	0.4	463
Nuclear Medicine	513,000	1,313	0.1	2.6	352,407	0.1	687
Pediatric Medicine	265,720	1,494	0.1	5.6	150,122	0.1	565
Geriatric Medicine	439,900	2,615	0.1	5.9	285,743	0.1	650
Nephrology	1,798,580	19,126	1.1	10.6	4,213,053	1.5	2,342
Optometrist	5,335,180	11,799	0.7	2.2	1,074,091	0.4	201
Infectious Disease	925,560	8,553	0.5	9.2	1,123,590	0.4	1,214
Endocrinology	1,306,760	8,827	0.5	6.8	771,871	0.3	591
Podiatry	6,117,400	35,646	2.0	5.8	2,841,862	1.0	465

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Amount in Thousands	Percent	Per Person Served ²	Assigned in Thousands	Percent of Charges Assigned ³	Amount in Thousands	Percent	Per Person Served ⁴	Amount in Thousands	Per Person With Liability
\$113,804,294	100.0	\$3,576	\$113,178,340	99.4	\$88,112,583	100.0	\$2,834	\$46,980	\$29
81,822,495	71.9	2,616	81,285,460	99.3	62,636,561	71.1	2,064	41,357	32
775,619	0.7	349	767,453	98.9	574,008	0.7	270	501	18
2,119,969	1.9	532	2,113,687	99.7	1,652,160	1.9	425	516	32
195,587	0.2	482	192,692	98.5	147,443	0.2	376	215	27
969,672	0.9	327	964,023	99.4	730,318	0.8	256	475	20
1,794,235	1.6	316	1,790,155	99.8	1,408,584	1.6	250	347	24
8,050,408	7.1	682	8,024,760	99.7	6,226,181	7.1	540	2,044	29
2,463,971	2.2	429	2,427,603	98.5	1,855,445	2.1	337	2,825	22
5,366,978	4.7	392	5,326,881	99.3	3,903,341	4.4	298	3,021	19
1,763,211	1.5	391	1,751,366	99.3	1,357,265	1.5	307	977	29
11,025,985	9.7	633	10,936,323	99.2	8,359,487	9.5	494	7,469	25
54,294	(5)	416	52,886	97.4	41,303	(5)	326	108	38
1,561,628	1.4	464	1,551,877	99.4	1,195,492	1.4	365	845	33
590,736	0.5	761	586,625	99.3	463,457	0.5	615	362	62
580,160	0.5	241	572,561	98.7	439,188	0.5	188	529	14
5,696,576	5.0	521	5,660,030	99.4	4,292,110	4.9	416	2,940	23
24,848	(5)	298	23,247	93.6	19,224	(5)	240	91	21
3,407,963	3.0	637	3,394,891	99.6	2,624,182	3.0	507	1,068	40
1,014,051	0.9	169	1,008,100	99.4	804,910	0.9	137	383	18
285,677	0.3	624	283,518	99.2	223,289	0.3	501	172	38
891,800	0.8	601	888,692	99.7	694,663	0.8	476	273	25
1,066,763	0.9	490	1,045,380	98.0	676,770	0.8	324	1,614	38
129,578	0.1	469	128,654	99.3	100,074	0.1	370	81	30
1,764,032	1.6	568	1,758,256	99.7	1,375,628	1.6	451	502	27
5,277,709	4.6	265	5,240,715	99.3	4,099,335	4.7	213	2,896	39
391,143	0.3	881	389,011	99.5	308,723	0.4	707	188	89
2,372,598	2.1	538	2,364,622	99.7	1,825,387	2.1	421	684	30
686,957	0.6	330	609,626	88.7	503,868	0.6	256	5,147	18
119,011	0.1	232	116,784	98.1	93,314	0.1	188	197	39
71,802	0.1	270	71,639	99.8	54,228	0.1	213	8	16
172,436	0.2	392	171,142	99.2	129,904	0.1	304	115	32
1,934,193	1.7	1,075	1,931,694	99.9	1,516,434	1.7	855	216	22
816,490	0.7	153	809,450	99.1	569,898	0.6	117	183	7
586,125	0.5	633	584,457	99.7	461,528	0.5	504	139	26
427,731	0.4	327	420,013	98.2	329,617	0.4	258	614	20
1,810,420	1.6	296	1,802,924	99.6	1,357,042	1.5	229	435	15

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Rheumatology	1,303,420	13,971	0.8	10.7	\$2,169,522	0.8	\$1,664
Vascular Surgery	1,279,720	4,234	0.2	3.3	2,044,726	0.7	1,598
Cardiac Surgery	357,260	1,269	0.1	3.6	1,290,780	0.5	3,613
Hematology/Oncology	1,867,720	66,089	3.7	35.4	12,434,290	4.5	6,657
Medical Oncology	754,380	23,132	1.3	30.7	4,587,481	1.7	6,081
Radiation Oncology	833,000	11,661	0.6	14.0	5,762,038	2.1	6,917
Emergency Medicine	8,812,620	24,682	1.4	2.8	7,621,699	2.8	865
All Other Physician ⁶	NA	20,899	1.2	NA	4,923,600	1.8	NA
Group Practice	1,064,960	4,604	0.3	4.3	806,241	0.3	757
Total Non-Physician	14,314,200	134,805	7.5	9.4	25,515,316	9.3	1,783
Total Suppliers	22,527,540	485,983	27.0	21.6	49,820,521	18.2	2,212

¹Refer 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.

²Includes 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.

³Ratio of assigned allowed charges to total allowed charges. Includes charges for supplier services.

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

⁵Less than 0.05 percent.

⁶Includes 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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\$1,197,004	1.1	\$918	\$1,187,311	99.2	\$922,154	1.0	\$728	\$793	\$27
624,154	0.5	488	623,335	99.9	488,336	0.6	389	73	42
359,363	0.3	1,006	357,044	99.4	284,008	0.3	806	207	79
5,466,389	4.8	2,927	5,463,412	99.9	4,327,300	4.9	2,349	247	28
1,955,306	1.7	2,592	1,953,745	99.9	1,545,926	1.8	2,083	138	36
1,906,778	1.7	2,289	1,896,486	99.5	1,511,792	1.7	1,885	916	344
2,360,832	2.1	268	2,357,831	99.9	1,822,500	2.1	211	258	15
1,692,313	1.5	NA	1,684,559	99.5	1,320,745	1.5	NA	545	NA
328,655	0.3	309	328,140	99.8	255,168	0.3	249	42	18
8,309,087	7.3	580	8,293,719	99.8	6,287,720	7.1	448	968	14
23,343,889	20.5	1,036	23,270,853	99.7	18,933,001	21.5	845	4,614	17