

**Medicare Assigned Claims
Selected Fiscal Years**

Fiscal Year	Net Assignment Rate ¹
1975	51.9
1980	51.4
1985	67.7
1990	80.9
1995	94.2
1996	95.6
1997	96.5
1998	97.2
1999	97.5
2000	97.8
2001	98.1
2002	98.3
2003	98.5
2004	98.7
2005	98.8
2006	99.6
2007	99.7

¹ The net assignment rate is the percentage of assigned claims to total assigned/unassigned claims received. If a physician or supplier agrees to accept assignment, he or she agrees not to charge more than the Medicare approved fee for a particular service.