

Table 59

**Persons Served, Services, Submitted and Allowed Charges, Program Payments, and Balance Billing  
for Medicare Physician and Supplier Services, by Physician Specialty: Calendar Year 2000**

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	29,644,740	1,252,280	100.0	42.2	\$127,853,210	100.0	\$4,313
Total, Physicians	29,010,720	869,489	69.4	30.0	96,964,513	75.8	3,342
General Practice	3,176,640	21,099	1.7	6.6	1,300,154	1.0	409
General Surgery	4,027,440	14,218	1.1	3.5	4,491,369	3.5	1,115
Allergy and Immunology	324,600	11,125	0.9	34.3	181,054	0.1	558
Otology, Laryngology, Rhinology	2,593,900	11,711	0.9	4.5	1,143,386	0.9	441
Anesthesiology	4,699,000	11,373	0.9	2.4	4,682,198	3.7	996
Cardiology	8,744,700	78,051	6.2	8.9	10,520,673	8.2	1,203
Dermatology	4,433,100	27,635	2.2	6.2	1,754,996	1.4	396
Family Practice	10,996,320	94,633	7.6	8.6	4,818,110	3.8	438
Gastroenterology	3,466,540	13,616	1.1	3.9	2,979,551	2.3	860
Internal Medicine	14,979,780	162,923	13.0	10.9	10,774,181	8.4	719
Manipulative Therapy	76,880	571	(5)	7.4	34,773	(5)	452
Neurology	2,637,540	12,196	1.0	4.6	1,423,701	1.1	540
Neurological Surgery	564,500	1,727	0.1	3.1	1,211,284	0.9	2,146
Obstetrics and Gynecology	2,295,120	6,263	0.5	2.7	819,801	0.6	357
Ophthalmology	10,360,780	32,682	2.6	3.2	7,337,517	5.7	708
Oral Surgery (Dentists Only)	87,180	173	(5)	2.0	33,017	(5)	379
Orthopedic Surgery	4,214,180	23,749	1.9	5.6	5,336,713	4.2	1,266
Pathology	5,267,940	16,107	1.3	3.1	1,610,313	1.3	306
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	452,100	1,520	0.1	3.4	539,613	0.4	1,194
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	983,540	10,518	0.8	10.7	805,231	0.6	819
Psychiatry	1,866,360	15,193	1.2	8.1	1,382,404	1.1	741
Colorectal Surgery (Proctology)	222,780	567	(5)	2.5	188,033	0.1	844
Pulmonary Disease	2,245,040	18,357	1.5	8.2	1,703,092	1.3	759
Diagnostic Radiology	17,112,860	74,888	6.0	4.4	8,596,066	6.7	502
Thoracic Surgery	520,900	1,576	0.1	3.0	1,332,294	1.0	2,558
Urology	3,863,420	24,242	1.9	6.3	3,654,081	2.9	946
Chiropractic	1,645,140	14,309	1.1	8.7	487,300	0.4	296
Nuclear Medicine	419,040	985	0.1	2.4	166,874	0.1	398
Pediatric Medicine	239,660	1,458	0.1	6.1	85,513	0.1	357
Geriatric Medicine	260,720	1,712	0.1	6.6	112,443	0.1	431
Nephrology	948,420	19,914	1.6	21.0	1,724,398	1.3	1,818
Optometrist	4,117,820	11,725	0.9	2.8	480,274	0.4	117
Infectious Disease	547,440	5,116	0.4	9.3	440,267	0.3	804
Endocrinology	766,380	5,928	0.5	7.7	340,074	0.3	444
Podiatry	5,117,780	23,988	1.9	4.7	1,443,631	1.1	282

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Allowed Charges					Program Payments			Balance Billing	
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
\$66,911,902	100.0	\$2,257	\$65,852,124	98.4	\$51,456,747	100.0	\$1,789	\$72,884	\$24
50,201,759	75.0	1,730	49,392,070	98.4	38,192,035	74.2	1,366	57,570	24
875,490	1.3	276	851,790	97.3	638,741	1.2	213	1,343	14
1,917,913	2.9	476	1,904,471	99.3	1,493,667	2.9	379	1,060	28
141,532	0.2	436	133,935	94.6	106,603	0.2	335	430	26
603,895	0.9	233	595,597	98.6	450,350	0.9	183	637	13
1,356,831	2.0	289	1,349,330	99.4	1,069,555	2.1	229	631	22
4,889,403	7.3	559	4,848,821	99.2	3,787,685	7.4	444	3,226	29
1,277,978	1.9	288	1,239,060	97.0	951,986	1.9	227	3,051	15
3,320,547	5.0	302	3,241,552	97.6	2,380,412	4.6	228	5,712	15
1,340,076	2.0	387	1,325,021	98.9	1,037,664	2.0	306	1,197	26
7,000,749	10.5	467	6,838,618	97.7	5,254,340	10.2	363	13,125	21
23,510	(5)	306	21,705	92.3	17,552	(5)	239	102	21
870,269	1.3	330	858,915	98.7	666,202	1.3	260	936	21
382,256	0.6	677	377,392	98.7	299,442	0.6	546	417	49
411,225	0.6	179	397,871	96.8	306,549	0.6	140	955	12
3,794,792	5.7	366	3,737,047	98.5	2,829,246	5.5	294	4,561	17
19,094	(5)	219	16,875	88.4	14,602	(5)	174	129	17
2,291,140	3.4	544	2,271,387	99.1	1,767,327	3.4	436	1,637	39
643,502	1.0	122	638,984	99.3	508,550	1.0	98	383	15
217,322	0.3	481	213,673	98.3	169,461	0.3	388	276	39
491,617	0.7	500	489,144	99.5	386,172	0.8	398	190	22
967,370	1.4	518	928,346	96.0	600,227	1.2	334	2,468	39
83,365	0.1	374	82,061	98.4	64,251	0.1	295	106	24
1,103,958	1.6	492	1,097,271	99.4	858,601	1.7	390	567	26
3,353,013	5.0	196	3,327,456	99.2	2,609,290	5.1	157	2,110	21
490,594	0.7	942	488,499	99.6	388,218	0.8	759	182	57
2,249,350	3.4	582	2,226,684	99.0	1,743,665	3.4	459	1,939	37
429,471	0.6	261	345,667	80.5	313,978	0.6	201	3,023	12
73,774	0.1	176	72,564	98.4	57,729	0.1	141	103	17
51,330	0.1	214	50,817	99.0	37,928	0.1	165	26	17
80,579	0.1	309	79,194	98.3	60,002	0.1	239	120	26
990,221	1.5	1,044	986,516	99.6	776,665	1.5	832	324	27
418,026	0.6	102	404,807	96.8	282,515	0.5	80	225	6
285,074	0.4	521	283,248	99.4	223,951	0.4	415	153	19
227,417	0.3	297	218,593	96.1	175,375	0.3	234	688	18
1,069,653	1.6	209	1,055,916	98.7	788,454	1.5	160	673	10

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		Number in Thousands	Percent		Amount in Thousands	Percent	
Rheumatology	998,980	10,035	0.8	10.0	\$544,742	0.4	\$545
Vascular Surgery	771,340	2,081	0.2	2.7	816,328	0.6	1,058
Cardiac Surgery	225,420	657	(5)	2.9	811,847	0.6	3,601
Hematology/Oncology	1,097,940	38,659	3.1	35.2	3,665,440	2.9	3,338
Medical Oncology	464,660	15,234	1.2	32.8	1,555,633	1.2	3,348
Radiation Oncology	579,000	7,956	0.6	13.7	1,995,191	1.6	3,446
Emergency Medicine	6,129,220	13,870	1.1	2.3	2,368,116	1.9	386
All Other Physician <sup>6</sup>	---	9,150	0.7	---	1,272,837	1.0	---
Group Practice	3,409,020	38,518	3.1	11.3	4,201,603	3.3	1,232
Total Non-Physician	6,529,000	41,498	3.3	6.4	6,934,037	5.4	1,062
Total Suppliers	18,761,420	300,082	24.0	16.0	18,982,576	14.8	1,012
Invalid Physician/Supplier Specialty Codes	2,604,100	2,693	0.2	1.0	770,478	0.6	296

<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, and unknown physician's specialty.

NOTES: Medicare charges and program payments represent fee-for-service utilization only. Numbers may not add to total because of rounding. --- is not applicable.

SOURCE: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Office of Information Services: Data from the Medicare Decision Support Access Facility; data development by the Office of Research, Development, and Information.

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Amount in		Per Person	Assigned in	Percent of Charges	Amount in		Per Person	Amount in	Per Person with
Thousands	Percent	Served <sup>2</sup>	Thousands	Assigned <sup>1</sup>	Thousands	Percent	Served <sup>4</sup>	Thousands	Liability
\$372,890	0.6	\$373	\$355,277	95.3	\$282,778	0.5	\$290	\$1,444	\$23
339,679	0.5	440	338,090	99.5	266,159	0.5	353	133	35
297,060	0.4	1,318	293,595	98.8	235,412	0.5	1,062	311	173
2,143,987	3.2	1,953	2,134,513	99.6	1,702,653	3.3	1,575	717	60
855,468	1.3	1,841	848,064	99.1	678,175	1.3	1,485	644	104
747,065	1.1	1,290	742,388	99.4	591,837	1.2	1,060	410	90
1,099,638	1.6	179	1,097,997	99.9	847,551	1.6	142	134	10
603,640	0.9	---	583,253	96.6	470,511	0.9	---	1,070	---
2,096,352	3.1	615	2,093,944	99.9	1,603,097	3.1	486	189	21
3,155,606	4.7	483	3,134,032	99.3	2,344,950	4.6	367	1,091	9
11,072,379	16.5	590	10,847,182	98.0	9,013,103	17.5	482	13,977	21
385,803	0.6	148	384,893	99.8	303,560	0.6	126	56	22