

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 2001**

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	30,688,840	1,340,531	100.0	43.7	\$147,219,411	100.0	\$4,797
Total, Physicians	29,964,320	913,590	68.2	30.5	108,830,520	73.9	3,632
General Practice	3,050,260	20,558	1.5	6.7	1,342,426	0.9	440
General Surgery	4,126,260	14,231	1.1	3.4	4,784,911	3.3	1,160
Allergy and Immunology	345,040	10,992	0.8	31.9	194,864	0.1	565
Otology, Laryngology, Rhinology	2,679,100	12,241	0.9	4.6	1,290,324	0.9	482
Anesthesiology	4,927,800	12,485	0.9	2.5	5,213,060	3.5	1,058
Cardiology	9,248,720	84,624	6.3	9.1	12,014,233	8.2	1,299
Dermatology	4,673,560	29,872	2.2	6.4	2,052,110	1.4	439
Family Practice	11,498,500	99,785	7.4	8.7	5,361,255	3.6	466
Gastroenterology	3,697,600	14,172	1.1	3.8	3,349,539	2.3	906
Internal Medicine	15,505,740	169,696	12.7	10.9	11,866,301	8.1	765
Manipulative Therapy	77,260	587	(5)	7.6	40,511	(5)	524
Neurology	2,771,060	13,067	1.0	4.7	1,622,414	1.1	585
Neurological Surgery	599,040	1,818	0.1	3.0	1,356,596	0.9	2,265
Obstetrics and Gynecology	2,389,520	6,679	0.5	2.8	911,833	0.6	382
Ophthalmology	10,659,280	34,100	2.5	3.2	8,049,154	5.5	755
Oral Surgery (Dentists Only)	90,280	188	(5)	2.1	36,893	(5)	409
Orthopedic Surgery	4,431,460	25,956	1.9	5.9	6,101,359	4.1	1,377
Pathology	5,516,120	17,076	1.3	3.1	1,794,762	1.2	325
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	478,500	1,642	0.1	3.4	604,103	0.4	1,262
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	1,066,860	10,612	0.8	9.9	904,239	0.6	848
Psychiatry	1,950,220	15,468	1.2	7.9	1,474,690	1.0	756
Colorectal Surgery (Proctology)	226,220	584	(5)	2.6	203,175	0.1	898
Pulmonary Disease	2,354,740	19,127	1.4	8.1	1,870,960	1.3	795
Diagnostic Radiology	17,864,380	80,114	6.0	4.5	9,844,130	6.7	551
Thoracic Surgery	521,760	1,539	0.1	2.9	1,318,890	0.9	2,528
Urology	3,976,960	25,091	1.9	6.3	4,059,801	2.8	1,021
Chiropractic	1,777,480	16,023	1.2	9.0	576,899	0.4	325
Nuclear Medicine	432,700	1,041	0.1	2.4	193,022	0.1	446
Pediatric Medicine	251,360	1,353	0.1	5.4	87,358	0.1	348
Geriatric Medicine	265,260	1,757	0.1	6.6	120,957	0.1	456
Nephrology	1,034,320	21,319	1.6	20.6	1,898,930	1.3	1,836
Optometrist	4,401,660	8,204	0.6	1.9	574,517	0.4	131
Infectious Disease	582,860	5,638	0.4	9.7	510,768	0.3	876
Endocrinology	812,620	6,062	0.5	7.5	370,529	0.3	456
Podiatry	5,393,320	25,791	1.9	4.8	1,640,535	1.1	304

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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
\$76,672,497	100.0	\$2,498	\$75,636,818	98.6	\$59,113,949	100.0	\$1,976	\$70,241	\$25
56,279,551	73.4	1,878	55,502,248	98.6	42,934,050	72.6	1,480	55,106	26
901,208	1.2	295	879,531	97.6	661,987	1.1	228	1,252	16
2,020,603	2.6	490	2,007,377	99.3	1,574,072	2.7	393	1,070	30
149,940	0.2	435	144,561	96.4	112,901	0.2	337	368	28
680,737	0.9	254	673,495	98.9	510,846	0.9	200	567	14
1,455,752	1.9	295	1,449,029	99.5	1,145,223	1.9	234	572	23
5,511,931	7.2	596	5,473,319	99.3	4,276,447	7.2	474	3,092	30
1,517,142	2.0	325	1,474,955	97.2	1,138,169	1.9	255	3,309	17
3,686,948	4.8	321	3,613,983	98.0	2,659,131	4.5	242	5,438	16
1,443,174	1.9	390	1,428,143	99.0	1,117,476	1.9	308	1,217	27
7,707,946	10.1	497	7,553,376	98.0	5,804,825	9.8	386	12,603	22
26,399	(5)	342	24,559	93.0	19,775	(5)	266	93	20
991,763	1.3	358	981,637	99.0	761,263	1.3	282	841	23
417,261	0.5	697	411,665	98.7	326,898	0.6	561	481	57
467,542	0.6	196	454,357	97.2	351,317	0.6	153	981	13
4,305,101	5.6	404	4,250,327	98.7	3,229,080	5.5	322	4,260	19
20,979	(5)	232	18,632	88.8	16,169	(5)	185	137	19
2,628,660	3.4	593	2,608,574	99.2	2,031,264	3.4	475	1,667	39
720,898	0.9	131	716,706	99.4	568,526	1.0	105	366	16
248,176	0.3	519	244,616	98.6	193,962	0.3	419	276	40
546,418	0.7	512	543,678	99.5	428,818	0.7	407	219	26
1,034,856	1.3	531	995,246	96.2	644,660	1.1	342	2,488	42
89,377	0.1	395	88,332	98.8	68,840	0.1	311	87	25
1,209,592	1.6	514	1,203,660	99.5	942,032	1.6	407	501	24
3,874,470	5.1	217	3,844,501	99.2	3,018,478	5.1	174	2,531	27
477,060	0.6	914	474,999	99.6	376,818	0.6	734	181	63
2,495,757	3.3	628	2,478,106	99.3	1,937,146	3.3	495	1,519	31
506,670	0.7	285	413,545	81.6	374,055	0.6	220	3,135	13
85,884	0.1	198	84,560	98.5	67,354	0.1	159	114	18
51,788	0.1	206	51,156	98.8	38,840	0.1	161	35	24
86,097	0.1	325	84,800	98.5	64,378	0.1	250	111	23
1,113,967	1.5	1,077	1,110,060	99.6	872,826	1.5	857	338	29
497,791	0.6	113	484,251	97.3	343,068	0.6	88	214	6
327,236	0.4	561	325,304	99.4	257,316	0.4	447	166	24
248,987	0.3	306	240,873	96.7	192,236	0.3	241	637	19
1,230,101	1.6	228	1,216,912	98.9	913,040	1.5	175	663	12

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		Number in Thousands	Percent	Per Person Served <sup>2</sup>	Amount in Thousands	Percent	Per Person Served <sup>2</sup>
Rheumatology	1,023,500	10,415	0.8	10.2	\$726,606	0.5	\$710
Vascular Surgery	840,100	2,302	0.2	2.7	898,906	0.6	1,070
Cardiac Surgery	237,420	686	0.1	2.9	838,205	0.6	3,530
Hematology/Oncology	1,156,720	41,483	3.1	35.9	4,331,328	2.9	3,744
Medical Oncology	503,420	16,810	1.3	33.4	1,942,406	1.3	3,858
Radiation Oncology	671,980	8,803	0.7	13.1	2,323,599	1.6	3,458
Emergency Medicine	6,601,480	15,047	1.1	2.3	2,813,625	1.9	426
All Other Physician <sup>6</sup>	NA	8,551	0.6	NA	1,319,800	0.9	NA
Group Practice	4,379,660	55,820	4.2	12.7	6,442,781	4.4	1,471
Total Non-Physician	7,514,820	51,617	3.9	6.9	8,593,657	5.8	1,144
Total Suppliers	20,192,920	319,503	23.8	15.8	23,352,339	15.9	1,156
Invalid Physician/Supplier Specialty Code	380	1	(5)	2.6	114	(5)	300

<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 1 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. 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 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>3</sup>	Thousands	Percent	Served <sup>4</sup>	Thousands	Liability
\$513,102	0.7	\$501	\$496,660	96.8	\$391,947	0.7	\$392	\$1,362	\$24
362,471	0.5	431	361,434	99.7	284,147	0.5	345	86	27
293,238	0.4	1,235	290,283	99.0	232,100	0.4	992	258	159
2,533,347	3.3	2,190	2,528,392	99.8	2,007,922	3.4	1,760	393	41
1,055,739	1.4	2,097	1,053,709	99.8	835,436	1.4	1,689	174	35
863,961	1.1	1,286	859,568	99.5	684,686	1.2	1,051	391	87
1,263,675	1.6	191	1,261,814	99.9	976,188	1.7	151	148	10
615,804	0.8	NA	601,562	97.7	482,389	0.8	NA	765	NA
3,172,429	4.1	724	3,168,776	99.9	2,440,958	4.1	573	296	27
3,836,872	5.0	511	3,814,155	99.4	2,859,749	4.8	389	1,101	10
13,383,576	17.5	663	13,151,570	98.3	10,879,145	18.4	541	13,737	20
69	(5)	182	69	100.0	46	(5)	155	0	0