

**Table 51**  
**Persons Using Medicare Home Health Agency Services, Visits, Total Charges, and Program Payments, by Number of Visits: Calendar Years 1997 and 2002**

| Number of Visits | Persons Served      |         | Visits              |         | Total Charges       |         | Program Payments    |         |
|------------------|---------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
|                  | Number in Thousands | Percent | Number in Thousands | Percent | Amount in Thousands | Percent | Amount in Thousands | Percent |
| <b>1997</b>      |                     |         |                     |         |                     |         |                     |         |
| Total            | 3,558               | 100.0   | 258,168             | 100.0   | \$23,460,105        | 100.0   | \$16,718,263        | 100.0   |
| 1-9              | 820                 | 23.0    | 4,096               | 1.6     | 453,521             | 1.9     | 326,454             | 2.0     |
| 10-19            | 647                 | 18.2    | 9,094               | 3.5     | 978,214             | 4.2     | 676,581             | 4.0     |
| 20-29            | 395                 | 11.1    | 9,532               | 3.7     | 1,002,319           | 4.3     | 694,720             | 4.2     |
| 30-39            | 265                 | 7.4     | 9,085               | 3.5     | 936,294             | 4.0     | 653,835             | 3.9     |
| 40-49            | 193                 | 5.4     | 8,563               | 3.3     | 869,803             | 3.7     | 610,492             | 3.7     |
| 50-99            | 506                 | 14.2    | 35,469              | 13.7    | 3,486,321           | 14.9    | 2,466,810           | 14.8    |
| More than 100    | 732                 | 20.6    | 182,330             | 70.6    | 15,733,632          | 67.1    | 11,289,371          | 67.5    |
| <b>2002</b>      |                     |         |                     |         |                     |         |                     |         |
| Total            | 2,544               | 100.0   | 78,192              | 100.0   | \$9,088,756         | 100.0   | \$9,550,683         | 100.0   |
| 1-9              | 789                 | 31.0    | 4,410               | 5.6     | 574,988             | 6.3     | 1,015,987           | 10.6    |
| 10-19            | 699                 | 27.5    | 10,106              | 12.9    | 1,290,159           | 14.2    | 1,916,950           | 20.1    |
| 20-29            | 367                 | 14.4    | 9,131               | 11.7    | 1,133,063           | 12.5    | 1,384,949           | 14.5    |
| 30-39            | 204                 | 8.0     | 7,210               | 9.2     | 871,641             | 9.6     | 950,403             | 10.0    |
| 40-49            | 125                 | 4.9     | 5,738               | 7.3     | 683,373             | 7.5     | 701,926             | 7.3     |
| 50-99            | 229                 | 9.0     | 16,078              | 20.6    | 1,854,822           | 20.4    | 1,738,697           | 18.2    |
| More than 100    | 132                 | 5.2     | 25,519              | 32.6    | 2,680,710           | 29.5    | 1,841,771           | 19.3    |

NOTES: Medicare program payments represent fee-for-service only and exclude amounts paid for managed care services. Total charges and visit charges are shown for trend purposes only. With the implementation of the home health agency prospective payment system, beginning October 1, 2000, program payments are now associated with episodes and not with individual visits. Numbers may not add to total because of rounding.

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