

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 2002**

Physician/Supplier Specialty ¹	Persons Served ²	Services		Per Person Served ²	Submitted Charges		Per Person Served ²
		Number in Thousands	Percent		Amount in Thousands	Percent	
Total All Specialties	31,754,480	1,481,154	100.0	46.6	\$169,663,267	100.0	\$5,343
Total Physicians	31,268,260	1,020,200	68.9	32.6	127,863,925	75.4	4,089
General Practice	3,214,620	22,298	1.5	6.9	1,528,383	0.9	475
General Surgery	4,362,100	15,132	1.0	3.5	5,256,286	3.1	1,205
Allergy and Immunology	372,340	11,405	0.8	30.6	224,278	0.1	602
Otology, Laryngology, Rhinology	2,830,580	12,911	0.9	4.6	1,478,321	0.9	522
Anesthesiology	5,272,300	13,131	0.9	2.5	5,886,985	3.5	1,117
Cardiology	10,324,800	96,058	6.5	9.3	14,192,620	8.4	1,375
Dermatology	5,011,180	33,232	2.2	6.6	2,391,809	1.4	477
Family Practice	12,745,120	111,107	7.5	8.7	6,314,400	3.7	495
Gastroenterology	4,150,380	15,162	1.0	3.7	3,879,004	2.3	935
Internal Medicine	17,196,000	190,939	12.9	11.1	14,022,665	8.3	815
Manipulative Therapy	92,900	622	(5)	6.7	45,597	(5)	491
Neurology	3,004,020	14,555	1.0	4.8	1,889,216	1.1	629
Neurological Surgery	655,940	2,019	0.1	3.1	1,570,017	0.9	2,394
Obstetrics and Gynecology	2,582,040	7,449	0.5	2.9	1,055,249	0.6	409
Ophthalmology	11,255,620	37,078	2.5	3.3	8,947,554	5.3	795
Oral Surgery (Dentists Only)	94,460	199	(5)	2.1	40,232	(5)	426
Orthopedic Surgery	4,776,100	29,101	2.0	6.1	6,992,826	4.1	1,464
Pathology	5,936,920	19,470	1.3	3.3	2,076,599	1.2	350
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	506,440	1,781	0.1	3.5	686,503	0.4	1,356
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	1,222,180	11,948	0.8	9.8	1,070,979	0.6	876
Psychiatry	2,107,140	15,997	1.1	7.6	1,571,625	0.9	746
Colorectal Surgery (Proctology)	246,140	640	(5)	2.6	238,598	0.1	969
Pulmonary Disease	2,646,260	21,149	1.4	8.0	2,173,951	1.3	822
Diagnostic Radiology	19,134,860	88,848	6.0	4.6	11,556,017	6.8	604
Thoracic Surgery	535,620	1,625	0.1	3.0	1,421,627	0.8	2,654
Urology	4,189,480	26,704	1.8	6.4	4,636,448	2.7	1,107
Chiropractic	1,929,740	18,212	1.2	9.4	674,107	0.4	349
Nuclear Medicine	502,400	1,255	0.1	2.5	246,736	0.1	491
Pediatric Medicine	278,220	1,579	0.1	5.7	113,924	0.1	409
Geriatric Medicine	315,740	1,985	0.1	6.3	151,224	0.1	479
Nephrology	1,209,580	24,062	1.6	19.9	2,254,890	1.3	1,864
Optometrist	4,764,940	9,103	0.6	1.9	655,616	0.4	138
Infectious Disease	677,440	6,724	0.5	9.9	625,597	0.4	923
Endocrinology	936,880	6,824	0.5	7.3	438,057	0.3	468
Podiatry	5,673,140	28,106	1.9	5.0	1,838,838	1.1	324

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Allowed Charges					Program Payments			Balance Billing	
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
\$83,181,299	100.0	\$2,620	\$82,264,252	98.9	\$64,253,710	100.0	\$2,073	\$64,359	\$24
61,704,454	74.2	1,973	60,982,029	98.8	47,218,044	73.5	1,556	53,751	26
962,450	1.2	299	943,940	98.1	713,688	1.1	232	1,134	16
2,081,752	2.5	477	2,070,294	99.4	1,623,923	2.5	382	938	29
161,800	0.2	435	157,839	97.6	121,918	0.2	338	284	23
731,102	0.9	258	724,343	99.1	549,921	0.9	203	553	15
1,458,054	1.8	277	1,452,849	99.6	1,147,256	1.8	219	449	21
5,912,821	7.1	573	5,877,695	99.4	4,590,163	7.1	454	2,874	29
1,716,731	2.1	343	1,675,307	97.6	1,293,505	2.0	269	3,304	18
4,077,845	4.9	320	4,014,273	98.4	2,962,651	4.6	243	4,964	17
1,495,255	1.8	360	1,480,885	99.0	1,157,190	1.8	283	1,177	28
8,531,877	10.3	496	8,392,928	98.4	6,459,529	10.1	386	11,564	22
27,899	(5)	300	26,276	94.2	21,099	(5)	235	101	22
1,073,936	1.3	357	1,063,902	99.1	825,234	1.3	281	848	23
428,967	0.5	654	424,347	98.9	335,939	0.5	525	401	49
516,399	0.6	200	503,736	97.5	390,757	0.6	156	966	14
4,529,514	5.4	402	4,476,160	98.8	3,404,650	5.3	319	4,183	19
22,409	(5)	237	20,013	89.3	17,223	(5)	188	147	19
2,739,498	3.3	574	2,721,843	99.4	2,118,258	3.3	458	1,471	39
780,690	0.9	131	776,685	99.5	616,850	1.0	105	353	15
263,944	0.3	521	260,763	98.8	206,227	0.3	419	253	35
597,996	0.7	489	594,977	99.5	468,891	0.7	389	242	27
1,030,227	1.2	489	992,894	96.4	642,967	1.0	316	2,501	41
99,225	0.1	403	97,896	98.7	76,622	0.1	317	112	34
1,293,939	1.6	489	1,288,247	99.6	1,008,851	1.6	388	484	24
4,185,085	5.0	219	4,155,231	99.3	3,266,617	5.1	176	2,558	28
445,500	0.5	832	443,882	99.6	351,888	0.5	667	137	58
2,733,171	3.3	652	2,720,411	99.5	2,126,058	3.3	515	1,100	25
559,846	0.7	290	461,848	82.5	412,888	0.6	224	5,093	15
101,233	0.1	201	99,059	97.9	79,595	0.1	161	193	28
65,926	0.1	237	65,471	99.3	49,972	0.1	186	26	16
101,091	0.1	320	99,321	98.2	76,172	0.1	247	156	30
1,255,415	1.5	1,038	1,251,992	99.7	986,366	1.5	825	305	26
555,137	0.7	117	541,217	97.5	384,348	0.6	90	249	6
366,278	0.4	541	364,573	99.5	288,356	0.4	430	147	22
275,325	0.3	294	267,540	97.2	213,445	0.3	232	644	18
1,304,930	1.6	230	1,293,615	99.1	973,701	1.5	177	609	11

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Physician/Supplier Specialty ¹	Persons Served ²	Services		Per Person Served ²	Submitted Charges		
		Number in Thousands	Percent		Amount in Thousands	Percent	Per Person Served ²
Rheumatology	1,155,200	11,888	0.8	10.3	\$999,058	0.6	\$865
Vascular Surgery	986,220	2,798	0.2	2.8	1,090,494	0.6	1,106
Cardiac Surgery	279,880	824	0.1	2.9	995,960	0.6	3,559
Hematology/Oncology	1,342,580	48,361	3.3	36.0	5,702,801	3.4	4,248
Medical Oncology	593,240	19,930	1.3	33.6	2,556,698	1.5	4,310
Radiation Oncology	819,100	9,792	0.7	12.0	2,924,591	1.7	3,570
Emergency Medicine	7,560,260	17,538	1.2	2.3	3,602,485	2.1	477
All Other Physician ⁶	NA	10,663	0.7	NA	1,845,062	1.1	NA
Group Practice	3,291,040	24,987	1.7	7.6	2,958,754	1.7	899
Total Non-Physician	8,862,940	65,443	4.4	7.4	10,866,321	6.4	1,226
Total Suppliers	21,330,560	370,523	25.0	17.4	27,974,123	16.5	1,311
Invalid Physician/Supplier Specialty Code	420	2	(5)	4.8	145	(5)	344

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. 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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Amount in		Per Person	Assigned in	Percent of Charges	Amount in		Per Person	Amount in	Per Person With
Thousands	Percent	Served ²	Thousands	Assigned ³	Thousands	Percent	Served ⁴	Thousands	Liability
\$663,998	0.8	\$575	\$650,071	97.9	\$510,044	0.8	\$451	\$1,191	\$22
398,655	0.5	404	397,924	99.8	312,421	0.5	323	65	36
304,411	0.4	1,088	300,854	98.8	241,280	0.4	873	317	154
3,261,309	3.9	2,429	3,257,809	99.9	2,587,747	4.0	1,951	298	35
1,374,139	1.7	2,316	1,373,051	99.9	1,085,581	1.7	1,856	97	24
987,581	1.2	1,206	983,311	99.6	782,234	1.2	983	382	87
1,414,729	1.7	187	1,412,868	99.9	1,095,247	1.7	148	153	10
816,367	1.0	NA	803,889	98.5	640,774	1.0	NA	729	NA
1,340,028	1.6	407	1,338,414	99.9	970,290	1.5	326	134	18
4,565,003	5.5	515	4,541,660	99.5	3,414,846	5.3	394	1,317	11
15,571,736	18.7	730	15,402,071	98.9	12,650,472	19.7	595	9,157	16
77	(5)	183	77	100.0	58	(5)	146	0	0