

Table 49
Persons Using Medicare Home Health Agency Services, Visits, and Charges, by Type of Visit, Type of Agency, and Type of Control:
Calendar Year 2003

Type of Visit	Type of Agency						Type of Control		
	All Agencies	Visiting Nurse Association	Combined Government and Voluntary	Official Health Agency	Hospital-Based	Other ¹	Voluntary Non-Profit	Proprietary	Government
Persons Served in Thousands									
Total ²	2,681	440	7	218	789	1,330	1,475	1,133	182
Nursing Care	2,444	386	6	188	688	1,176	1,281	1,003	164
Home Health Aide	738	113	2	62	203	358	370	308	60
Physical Therapy	1,716	275	4	132	480	824	920	699	101
Speech Therapy	91	14	(4)	7	28	42	51	35	5
Occupational Therapy	576	100	1	38	167	270	326	223	28
Other ³	399	67	1	29	114	188	225	157	17
Percent of Persons Served									
Total ²	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Nursing Care	91.2	87.9	91.0	86.0	87.2	88.4	86.8	88.5	90.2
Home Health Aide	27.5	25.6	32.0	28.6	25.7	26.9	25.1	27.2	33.0
Physical Therapy	64.0	62.6	57.3	60.5	60.9	62.0	62.3	61.7	55.3
Speech Therapy	3.4	3.3	2.2	3.1	3.5	3.1	3.4	3.1	2.8
Occupational Therapy	21.5	22.8	12.9	17.6	21.1	20.3	22.1	19.7	15.3
Other ³	14.9	15.3	11.4	13.1	14.4	14.2	15.3	13.8	9.5
Visits in Thousands									
Total ²	82,851	11,806	199	7,064	18,693	45,088	36,906	40,774	5,170
Nursing Care	41,887	5,625	91	3,533	9,126	23,512	17,728	21,751	2,408
Home Health Aide	18,276	2,898	60	1,592	3,910	9,816	8,113	8,708	1,455
Physical Therapy	18,010	2,528	42	1,584	4,403	9,453	8,573	8,367	1,069
Speech Therapy	607	86	1	54	175	291	318	252	38
Occupational Therapy	3,324	525	4	241	882	1,671	1,747	1,410	167
Other ³	746	143	1	60	198	345	427	287	33

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Percent Distribution of Visits									
Total ²	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Nursing Care	50.6	47.6	45.8	50.0	48.8	52.1	48.0	53.3	46.6
Home Health Aide	22.1	24.5	30.1	22.5	20.9	21.8	22.0	21.4	28.1
Physical Therapy	21.7	21.4	20.8	22.4	23.6	21.0	23.2	20.5	20.7
Speech Therapy	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.7
Occupational Therapy	4.0	4.4	1.9	3.4	4.7	3.7	4.7	3.5	3.2
Other ³	0.9	1.2	0.7	0.8	1.1	0.8	1.2	0.7	0.6
Visit Charges in Millions									
Total ²	\$9,745	\$1,313	\$19	\$797	\$2,310	\$5,306	\$4,363	\$4,845	\$537
Nursing Care	5,335	703	10	434	1,218	2,970	2,290	2,760	285
Home Health Aide	1,322	181	4	111	301	725	575	655	92
Physical Therapy	2,427	326	5	203	607	1,286	1,146	1,152	129
Speech Therapy	84	12	(5)	7	25	40	44	35	5
Occupational Therapy	452	68	(5)	32	123	228	236	196	21
Other ³	125	23	(5)	9	36	56	72	47	5
Percent Distribution of Visit Charges:									
Total ²	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Nursing Care	54.7	53.6	53.1	54.5	52.7	56.0	52.5	57.0	53.1
Home Health Aide	13.6	13.8	18.9	13.9	13.0	13.7	13.2	13.5	17.1
Physical Therapy	24.9	24.8	24.0	25.5	26.3	24.2	26.3	23.8	24.1
Speech Therapy	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.1	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.9
Occupational Therapy	4.6	5.2	2.3	4.0	5.3	4.3	5.4	4.0	3.8
Other ³	1.3	1.8	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.1	1.7	1.0	1.0

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Average Number of Visits per Person Served									
Total ²	31	27	29	32	24	34	25	36	28
Nursing Care	17	15	15	19	13	20	14	22	15
Home Health Aide	25	26	28	26	19	28	22	28	24
Physical Therapy	11	9	11	12	9	12	9	12	11
Speech Therapy	7	6	8	8	6	7	6	7	8
Occupational Therapy	6	5	4	6	5	6	5	6	6
Other ³	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Average Visit Charge per Visit									
Total ²	\$118	\$111	\$96	\$113	\$124	\$118	\$118	\$119	\$104
Nursing Care	127	125	111	123	133	126	129	127	118
Home Health Aide	72	63	60	70	77	74	71	75	63
Physical Therapy	135	129	110	128	138	136	134	138	121
Speech Therapy	138	133	107	134	142	138	138	140	124
Occupational Therapy	136	129	112	133	140	137	135	139	124
Other ³	168	163	159	156	183	163	170	165	164
Average Visit Charge per Person Served									
Total ²	\$3,635	\$2,986	\$2,796	\$3,652	\$2,927	\$3,989	\$2,957	\$4,277	\$2,951
Nursing Care	2,183	1,820	1,631	2,315	1,769	2,526	1,788	2,752	1,737
Home Health Aide	1,791	1,608	1,647	1,773	1,485	2,028	1,555	2,123	1,529
Physical Therapy	1,414	1,182	1,169	1,538	1,264	1,560	1,245	1,648	1,284
Speech Therapy	920	803	812	1,062	888	958	861	1,001	922
Occupational Therapy	786	679	497	838	739	847	724	878	740
Other ³	314	346	290	325	318	299	322	302	315

¹Represents skilled nursing facility-based, freestanding non-visiting nurse association agencies, community home health agencies, rehabilitation-based agencies, and unknown agencies.

²Numbers do not add to total since persons may receive more than 1 type of service.

³Includes medical social services and other health disciplines.

⁴Fewer than 500 persons served.

⁵Less than \$500,000.

NOTE: 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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