

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 2003**

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	32,547,900	1,573,445	100.0	48.3	\$191,593,731	100.0	\$5,887
Total Physicians	32,073,740	1,100,072	69.9	34.3	145,924,165	76.2	4,550
General Practice	3,277,880	22,817	1.5	7.0	1,755,591	0.9	536
General Surgery	4,474,980	15,691	1.0	3.5	5,604,332	2.9	1,252
Allergy and Immunology	397,260	12,297	0.8	31.0	254,711	0.1	641
Otology, Laryngology, Rhinology	2,917,720	13,684	0.9	4.7	1,621,380	0.8	556
Anesthesiology	5,495,020	13,702	0.9	2.5	6,556,959	3.4	1,193
Cardiology	10,920,200	104,958	6.7	9.6	16,308,542	8.5	1,493
Dermatology	5,132,140	34,692	2.2	6.8	2,662,380	1.4	519
Family Practice	13,376,260	119,917	7.6	9.0	7,230,219	3.8	541
Gastroenterology	4,411,120	15,846	1.0	3.6	4,316,076	2.3	978
Internal Medicine	17,894,140	205,668	13.1	11.5	16,047,096	8.4	897
Manipulative Therapy	108,080	697	(5)	6.5	58,745	(5)	544
Neurology	3,163,460	15,702	1.0	5.0	2,174,248	1.1	687
Neurological Surgery	705,700	2,198	0.1	3.1	1,833,939	1.0	2,599
Obstetrics and Gynecology	2,564,540	7,737	0.5	3.0	1,146,453	0.6	447
Ophthalmology	11,551,940	39,601	2.5	3.4	9,698,592	5.1	840
Oral Surgery (Dentists Only)	95,360	196	(5)	2.1	42,950	(5)	450
Orthopedic Surgery	5,077,680	31,250	2.0	6.2	8,030,163	4.2	1,581
Pathology	6,072,880	21,018	1.3	3.5	2,266,201	1.2	373
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	508,940	1,765	0.1	3.5	725,018	0.4	1,425
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	1,335,220	13,083	0.8	9.8	1,247,701	0.7	934
Psychiatry	2,175,900	16,376	1.0	7.5	1,655,338	0.9	761
Colorectal Surgery (Proctology)	264,080	694	(5)	2.6	265,169	0.1	1,004
Pulmonary Disease	2,853,340	22,482	1.4	7.9	2,451,753	1.3	859
Diagnostic Radiology	19,807,980	95,262	6.1	4.8	13,055,580	6.8	659
Thoracic Surgery	539,980	1,682	0.1	3.1	1,462,875	0.8	2,709
Urology	4,323,820	27,815	1.8	6.4	5,050,316	2.6	1,168
Chiropractic	2,014,600	19,660	1.2	9.8	749,433	0.4	372
Nuclear Medicine	527,220	1,369	0.1	2.6	280,413	0.1	532
Pediatric Medicine	290,620	1,650	0.1	5.7	128,183	0.1	441
Geriatric Medicine	360,240	2,237	0.1	6.2	183,341	0.1	509
Nephrology	1,347,300	26,228	1.7	19.5	2,626,524	1.4	1,949
Optometrist	4,959,460	9,784	0.6	2.0	737,216	0.4	149
Infectious Disease	752,760	7,931	0.5	10.5	739,191	0.4	982
Endocrinology	1,022,560	7,521	0.5	7.3	505,778	0.3	495
Podiatry	5,861,040	30,125	1.9	5.1	2,063,124	1.1	352

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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
\$92,638,665	100.0	\$2,846	\$91,733,060	99.0	\$71,733,844	100.0	\$2,254	\$64,560	\$25
69,400,968	74.9	2,164	68,659,808	98.9	53,208,195	74.2	1,707	55,476	27
1,127,368	1.2	344	1,111,169	98.6	845,109	1.2	269	999	16
2,164,435	2.3	484	2,152,568	99.5	1,688,095	2.4	386	975	32
178,333	0.2	449	174,208	97.7	134,767	0.2	349	293	23
789,967	0.9	271	782,161	99.0	595,800	0.8	213	643	16
1,549,694	1.7	282	1,543,533	99.6	1,219,981	1.7	223	487	22
6,795,108	7.3	622	6,758,716	99.5	5,279,163	7.4	494	2,938	29
1,814,294	2.0	354	1,774,579	97.8	1,368,587	1.9	278	3,166	18
4,592,330	5.0	343	4,530,265	98.6	3,351,370	4.7	261	4,804	17
1,611,552	1.7	365	1,597,044	99.1	1,246,411	1.7	287	1,185	27
9,591,586	10.4	536	9,454,943	98.6	7,273,940	10.1	417	11,328	22
34,457	(5)	319	33,126	96.1	26,265	(5)	251	89	25
1,224,592	1.3	387	1,212,805	99.0	941,027	1.3	305	996	25
473,136	0.5	670	468,805	99.1	370,462	0.5	538	378	43
550,243	0.6	215	538,782	97.9	417,372	0.6	168	867	13
4,829,159	5.2	418	4,776,910	98.9	3,634,894	5.1	332	4,141	19
22,643	(5)	237	20,146	89.0	17,446	(5)	189	137	19
2,999,688	3.2	591	2,981,124	99.4	2,319,163	3.2	472	1,494	36
839,236	0.9	138	833,663	99.3	663,431	0.9	111	495	17
273,249	0.3	537	270,320	98.9	213,587	0.3	432	244	38
693,466	0.7	519	690,174	99.5	543,687	0.8	413	264	23
1,067,947	1.2	491	1,032,440	96.7	668,599	0.9	318	2,450	39
107,607	0.1	407	106,340	98.8	83,132	0.1	320	108	36
1,443,668	1.6	506	1,437,355	99.6	1,126,001	1.6	401	530	25
4,736,938	5.1	239	4,691,832	99.0	3,699,295	5.2	192	3,913	35
448,031	0.5	830	445,859	99.5	353,440	0.5	664	186	65
2,888,284	3.1	668	2,875,229	99.5	2,248,893	3.1	528	1,113	27
617,300	0.7	306	518,408	84.0	457,127	0.6	238	5,077	15
119,002	0.1	226	116,801	98.2	93,498	0.1	181	196	33
72,676	0.1	250	72,322	99.5	54,816	0.1	196	21	17
119,437	0.1	332	117,670	98.5	89,903	0.1	256	158	29
1,406,744	1.5	1,044	1,402,831	99.7	1,104,915	1.5	831	346	25
613,068	0.7	124	600,175	97.9	427,877	0.6	96	251	6
415,768	0.4	552	413,498	99.5	327,046	0.5	439	184	25
312,245	0.3	305	303,897	97.3	242,089	0.3	241	698	19
1,434,395	1.5	245	1,423,374	99.2	1,074,955	1.5	189	591	11

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		Number in Thousands	Percent		Amount in Thousands	Percent	
Rheumatology	1,230,660	12,944	0.8	10.5	\$1,289,033	0.7	\$1,047
Vascular Surgery	1,065,740	3,113	0.2	2.9	1,202,546	0.6	1,128
Cardiac Surgery	314,560	969	0.1	3.1	1,160,122	0.6	3,688
Hematology/Oncology	1,464,300	54,909	3.5	37.5	7,310,658	3.8	4,993
Medical Oncology	636,660	22,542	1.4	35.4	3,301,531	1.7	5,186
Radiation Oncology	861,200	9,893	0.6	11.5	3,290,490	1.7	3,821
Emergency Medicine	8,189,560	19,683	1.3	2.4	4,376,650	2.3	534
All Other Physician ⁶	NA	12,684	0.8	NA	2,457,605	1.3	NA
Group Practice	296,800	2,070	0.1	7.0	135,291	0.1	456
Total Non-Physician	10,597,100	78,483	5.0	7.4	13,107,893	6.8	1,237
Total Suppliers	21,750,980	392,819	25.0	18.1	32,426,382	16.9	1,491

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. Due to the clarification in the billing policy of Group Practices where the actual specialty code of the performing physician within the practice is now coded, the utilization and expenditures for group practice has dropped dramatically. 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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\$845,816	0.9	\$687	\$831,240	98.3	\$648,571	0.9	\$539	\$1,231	\$22
442,073	0.5	415	441,342	99.8	346,234	0.5	331	62	34
336,190	0.4	1,069	332,359	98.9	266,263	0.4	858	343	48
4,164,367	4.5	2,844	4,160,843	99.9	3,299,543	4.6	2,281	304	31
1,769,182	1.9	2,779	1,768,212	99.9	1,402,389	2.0	2,236	87	23
1,129,452	1.2	1,311	1,120,890	99.2	893,188	1.2	1,071	748	145
1,645,439	1.8	201	1,643,421	99.9	1,276,505	1.8	159	164	11
1,110,803	1.2	NA	1,098,429	98.9	873,359	1.2	NA	792	NA
49,555	0.1	167	49,117	99.1	40,854	0.1	140	35	6
5,344,109	5.8	504	5,322,374	99.6	4,006,348	5.6	386	1,127	10
17,844,033	19.3	820	17,701,761	99.2	14,478,447	20.2	668	7,921	16