

Table 9.5

**Persons Served, Services, Submitted and Allowed Charges, Program Payments, and Balance Billing
for Medicare Physician and Supplier Services, by Physician Specialty: Calendar Year 2009**

Physician/Supplier Specialty ¹	Persons Served ²	Services			Submitted Charges		
		Number in Thousands	Percent	Per Person Served ²	Amount in Thousands	Percent	Per Person Served ²
Total All Specialties	31,646,640	1,826,304	100.0	57.7	\$287,934,772	100.0	\$9,098
Total Physicians	31,078,720	1,170,858	64.1	37.7	206,933,966	71.9	6,658
General Practice	2,061,740	13,847	0.8	6.7	1,362,063	0.5	661
General Surgery	3,889,780	14,183	0.8	3.6	6,470,236	2.2	1,663
Allergy and Immunology	419,880	11,602	0.6	27.6	362,180	0.1	863
Otology, Laryngology, Rhinology	2,988,920	14,442	0.8	4.8	2,249,210	0.8	753
Anesthesiology	5,754,680	16,188	0.9	2.8	9,585,185	3.3	1,666
Cardiology	11,978,680	103,311	5.7	8.6	20,190,202	7.0	1,686
Dermatology	5,857,760	40,890	2.2	7.0	4,503,403	1.6	769
Family Practice	13,780,340	124,152	6.8	9.0	9,935,921	3.5	721
Gastroenterology	4,459,940	15,147	0.8	3.4	5,378,016	1.9	1,206
Internal Medicine	17,271,320	197,454	10.8	11.4	20,884,832	7.3	1,209
Manipulative Therapy	128,680	950	0.1	7.4	110,099	(6)	856
Neurology	3,421,560	17,550	1.0	5.1	3,342,023	1.2	977
Neurological Surgery	793,820	2,818	0.2	3.5	2,883,663	1.0	3,633
Obstetrics and Gynecology	2,436,900	8,003	0.4	3.3	1,493,271	0.5	613
Ophthalmology	10,932,440	49,154	2.7	4.5	12,907,362	4.5	1,181
Oral Surgery (Dentists Only)	89,140	202	(6)	2.3	56,314	(6)	632
Orthopedic Surgery	5,392,560	36,487	2.0	6.8	11,658,295	4.0	2,162
Pathology	6,031,200	24,911	1.4	4.1	3,416,168	1.2	566
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	475,140	1,791	0.1	3.8	977,959	0.3	2,058
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	1,544,980	15,653	0.9	10.1	2,150,078	0.7	1,392
Psychiatry	2,199,760	15,712	0.9	7.1	1,930,341	0.7	878
Colorectal Surgery (Proctology)	279,620	763	(6)	2.7	367,883	0.1	1,316
Pulmonary Disease	3,115,380	22,909	1.3	7.4	3,414,532	1.2	1,096
Diagnostic Radiology	19,851,620	107,611	5.9	5.4	18,092,184	6.3	911
Thoracic Surgery	431,760	1,425	0.1	3.3	1,397,975	0.5	3,238
Urology	4,412,740	30,241	1.7	6.9	6,141,957	2.1	1,392
Chiropractic	2,089,620	22,776	1.2	10.9	1,004,700	0.3	481
Nuclear Medicine	476,800	1,151	0.1	2.4	350,225	0.1	735
Pediatric Medicine	267,720	1,522	0.1	5.7	154,349	0.1	577
Geriatric Medicine	462,600	2,731	0.1	5.9	321,165	0.1	694
Nephrology	1,875,900	20,336	1.1	10.8	4,533,256	1.6	2,417
Optometrist	5,477,520	12,467	0.7	2.3	1,172,192	0.4	214
Infectious Disease	959,640	9,075	0.5	9.5	1,213,887	0.4	1,265
Endocrinology	1,362,000	8,958	0.5	6.6	820,667	0.3	603
Podiatry	6,167,920	36,736	2.0	6.0	3,031,802	1.1	492

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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
\$117,586,191	100.0	\$3,716	\$116,989,449	99.5	\$91,115,719	100.0	\$2,944	\$46,083	\$31
84,715,435	72.0	2,726	84,197,902	99.4	64,864,493	71.2	2,149	41,093	34
750,254	0.6	364	740,986	98.8	556,313	0.6	281	645	23
2,170,134	1.8	558	2,164,522	99.7	1,692,564	1.9	445	486	34
218,159	0.2	520	215,569	98.8	165,427	0.2	406	202	28
969,151	0.8	324	963,388	99.4	730,728	0.8	255	485	21
1,887,570	1.6	328	1,883,556	99.8	1,483,717	1.6	260	356	25
7,882,903	6.7	658	7,860,255	99.7	6,092,435	6.7	520	1,861	29
2,616,122	2.2	447	2,582,465	98.7	1,972,346	2.2	351	2,780	23
5,607,189	4.8	407	5,569,266	99.3	4,083,181	4.5	309	3,000	21
1,820,941	1.5	408	1,809,338	99.4	1,404,599	1.5	321	975	30
11,331,460	9.6	656	11,247,713	99.3	8,599,536	9.4	512	7,140	26
55,748	(6)	433	54,334	97.5	42,466	(6)	341	111	46
1,622,553	1.4	474	1,613,505	99.4	1,239,901	1.4	372	801	33
638,201	0.5	804	635,187	99.5	499,006	0.5	646	256	48
611,609	0.5	251	604,544	98.8	463,533	0.5	196	536	14
6,043,421	5.1	553	6,008,838	99.4	4,566,670	5.0	441	2,905	24
26,642	(6)	299	25,335	95.1	20,563	(6)	239	80	22
3,550,556	3.0	658	3,538,229	99.7	2,735,452	3.0	524	1,046	43
1,108,562	0.9	184	1,102,508	99.5	880,336	1.0	148	537	19
307,142	0.3	646	304,622	99.2	240,109	0.3	518	214	44
977,346	0.8	633	974,277	99.7	762,466	0.8	501	261	25
1,133,115	1.0	515	1,111,299	98.1	717,411	0.8	339	1,656	41
136,787	0.1	489	135,438	99.0	106,026	0.1	386	112	47
1,811,879	1.5	582	1,806,237	99.7	1,411,951	1.5	461	493	28
5,465,381	4.6	275	5,430,836	99.4	4,240,816	4.7	220	2,803	38
395,233	0.3	915	393,353	99.5	311,807	0.3	734	166	89
2,385,482	2.0	541	2,376,501	99.6	1,837,129	2.0	422	792	38
719,578	0.6	344	640,408	89.0	529,274	0.6	267	5,327	20
110,750	0.1	232	109,237	98.6	86,673	0.1	188	136	36
73,914	0.1	276	73,644	99.6	55,895	0.1	217	17	18
190,230	0.2	411	188,995	99.4	143,699	0.2	319	109	31
2,074,469	1.8	1,106	2,072,005	99.9	1,626,708	1.8	880	218	22
875,784	0.7	160	868,780	99.2	613,059	0.7	123	195	8
635,810	0.5	663	634,203	99.7	500,756	0.5	528	141	29
454,966	0.4	334	447,585	98.4	350,611	0.4	264	617	20
1,916,982	1.6	311	1,909,460	99.6	1,439,156	1.6	240	450	16

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Rheumatology	1,318,340	13,930	0.8	10.6	\$2,368,098	0.8	\$1,796
Vascular Surgery	1,319,180	4,530	0.2	3.4	2,318,756	0.8	1,758
Cardiac Surgery	356,940	1,244	0.1	3.5	1,259,209	0.4	3,528
Hematology/Oncology	1,908,280	65,282	3.6	34.2	12,729,163	4.4	6,670
Medical Oncology	763,320	22,302	1.2	29.2	4,490,721	1.6	5,883
Radiation Oncology	816,040	12,110	0.7	14.8	6,103,349	2.1	7,479
Emergency Medicine	8,881,540	25,672	1.4	2.9	8,460,405	2.9	953
All Other Physician ⁵	NA	22,640	1.2	NA	5,340,670	1.9	NA
Group Practice	242,760	835	(6)	3.4	150,523	0.1	620
Total Non-Physician	15,809,880	153,493	8.4	9.7	28,818,186	10.0	1,823
Total Suppliers	22,544,080	501,028	27.4	22.2	52,022,504	18.1	2,308

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.

⁵Includes 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.

⁶Less than 0.05 percent.

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 Standard Analytical Files; data development by the Office of Research, Development, and Information.

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\$1,295,639	1.1	\$983	\$1,286,989	99.3	\$996,090	1.1	\$776	\$721	\$27
690,656	0.6	524	689,489	99.8	539,993	0.6	417	99	49
364,923	0.3	1,022	363,296	99.6	288,204	0.3	818	146	53
5,570,614	4.7	2,919	5,568,093	99.9	4,409,338	4.8	2,342	225	32
1,909,055	1.6	2,501	1,907,126	99.9	1,503,692	1.7	2,001	173	45
1,942,320	1.7	2,380	1,932,002	99.5	1,539,728	1.7	1,955	927	349
2,572,524	2.2	290	2,569,428	99.9	1,984,352	2.2	228	271	16
1,793,681	1.5	NA	1,785,061	99.5	1,400,777	1.5	NA	622	NA
58,760	(6)	242	58,430	99.4	45,454	(6)	194	24	15
9,234,492	7.9	584	9,219,400	99.8	6,989,418	7.7	450	937	15
23,570,788	20.0	1,046	23,507,084	99.7	19,211,004	21.1	856	4,021	16