

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 2005**

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	33,434,580	1,766,256	100.0	52.8	\$236,285,951	100.0	\$7,067
Total Physicians	32,918,180	1,198,998	67.9	36.4	177,043,517	74.9	5,378
General Practice	3,149,500	25,291	1.4	8.0	2,254,503	1.0	716
General Surgery	4,467,340	15,951	0.9	3.6	6,179,373	2.6	1,383
Allergy and Immunology	424,380	12,517	0.7	29.5	298,600	0.1	704
Otology, Laryngology, Rhinology	3,031,640	14,923	0.8	4.9	1,898,725	0.8	626
Anesthesiology	5,837,780	15,045	0.9	2.6	7,769,080	3.3	1,331
Cardiology	11,830,220	115,460	6.5	9.8	19,127,314	8.1	1,617
Dermatology	5,523,040	38,295	2.2	6.9	3,264,726	1.4	591
Family Practice	14,083,760	129,677	7.3	9.2	8,665,354	3.7	615
Gastroenterology	4,656,280	16,177	0.9	3.5	4,896,425	2.1	1,052
Internal Medicine	18,464,540	215,334	12.2	11.7	18,969,304	8.0	1,027
Manipulative Therapy	126,340	926	(5)	7.3	78,680	(5)	623
Neurology	3,383,280	17,286	1.0	5.1	2,663,353	1.1	787
Neurological Surgery	781,860	2,675	0.2	3.4	2,321,540	1.0	2,969
Obstetrics and Gynecology	2,613,120	8,795	0.5	3.4	1,387,438	0.6	531
Ophthalmology	11,725,500	43,458	2.5	3.7	10,937,031	4.6	933
Oral Surgery (Dentists Only)	93,920	211	(5)	2.2	48,662	(5)	518
Orthopedic Surgery	5,438,240	35,978	2.0	6.6	9,690,187	4.1	1,782
Pathology	6,203,200	21,565	1.2	3.5	2,609,716	1.1	421
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	491,400	1,740	0.1	3.5	797,666	0.3	1,623
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	1,447,780	15,283	0.9	10.6	1,592,024	0.7	1,100
Psychiatry	2,301,820	17,011	1.0	7.4	1,869,036	0.8	812
Colorectal Surgery (Proctology)	275,680	720	(5)	2.6	300,180	0.1	1,089
Pulmonary Disease	3,095,640	23,838	1.3	7.7	2,920,766	1.2	944
Diagnostic Radiology	20,692,960	105,592	6.0	5.1	15,954,919	6.8	771
Thoracic Surgery	521,340	1,650	0.1	3.2	1,448,227	0.6	2,778
Urology	4,519,820	29,831	1.7	6.6	5,611,556	2.4	1,242
Chiropractic	2,212,800	23,867	1.4	10.8	975,910	0.4	441
Nuclear Medicine	537,660	1,428	0.1	2.7	325,434	0.1	605
Pediatric Medicine	328,280	1,963	0.1	6.0	207,541	0.1	632
Geriatric Medicine	406,660	2,444	0.1	6.0	224,294	0.1	552
Nephrology	1,569,020	18,147	1.0	11.6	3,371,926	1.4	2,149
Optometrist	5,359,360	11,402	0.6	2.1	911,798	0.4	170
Infectious Disease	873,040	8,720	0.5	10.0	903,714	0.4	1,035
Endocrinology	1,174,880	8,241	0.5	7.0	622,935	0.3	530
Podiatry	6,204,220	33,851	1.9	5.5	2,463,907	1.0	397

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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
\$108,052,939	100.0	\$3,232	\$107,224,850	99.2	\$83,747,781	100.0	\$2,561	\$61,459	\$28
80,266,450	74.3	2,438	79,568,807	99.1	61,602,469	73.6	1,926	53,209	31
1,424,956	1.3	452	1,411,534	99.1	1,084,195	1.3	359	864	18
2,331,263	2.2	522	2,321,178	99.6	1,818,919	2.2	417	844	33
190,705	0.2	449	187,136	98.1	144,509	0.2	351	276	27
916,788	0.8	302	910,007	99.3	693,382	0.8	238	568	16
1,735,936	1.6	297	1,729,656	99.6	1,364,420	1.6	235	552	24
8,093,530	7.5	684	8,057,655	99.6	6,285,305	7.5	543	3,001	33
2,166,929	2.0	392	2,129,517	98.3	1,638,242	2.0	308	3,118	20
5,286,478	4.9	375	5,232,289	99.0	3,869,609	4.6	287	4,332	19
1,779,164	1.6	382	1,765,113	99.2	1,374,324	1.6	300	1,188	28
10,908,473	10.1	591	10,789,406	98.9	8,281,747	9.9	461	10,049	24
47,165	(5)	373	45,783	97.1	36,085	(5)	294	90	26
1,455,327	1.3	430	1,443,995	99.2	1,117,681	1.3	338	987	29
594,278	0.5	760	590,516	99.4	466,074	0.6	611	328	49
638,380	0.6	244	627,922	98.4	486,528	0.6	191	795	14
5,305,649	4.9	452	5,260,123	99.1	3,997,522	4.8	359	3,745	21
25,983	(5)	277	24,118	92.8	20,097	(5)	221	107	19
3,450,628	3.2	635	3,432,966	99.5	2,667,349	3.2	505	1,486	39
962,396	0.9	155	955,722	99.3	761,331	0.9	124	570	19
287,799	0.3	586	285,157	99.1	224,797	0.3	470	205	36
853,126	0.8	589	849,766	99.6	667,692	0.8	468	281	25
1,182,837	1.1	514	1,149,339	97.2	746,783	0.9	336	2,420	43
120,507	0.1	437	118,971	98.7	93,213	0.1	344	135	41
1,646,718	1.5	532	1,639,941	99.6	1,284,178	1.5	422	596	27
5,779,443	5.3	279	5,730,706	99.2	4,514,927	5.4	224	4,186	42
448,080	0.4	859	445,683	99.5	354,153	0.4	690	210	75
2,540,068	2.4	562	2,528,675	99.6	1,967,242	2.3	442	993	29
785,655	0.7	355	684,047	87.1	584,543	0.7	276	4,945	16
146,171	0.1	272	143,221	98.0	115,091	0.1	218	263	43
115,043	0.1	350	114,792	99.8	88,752	0.1	280	11	18
141,558	0.1	348	140,259	99.1	106,915	0.1	269	117	28
1,735,496	1.6	1,106	1,731,906	99.8	1,362,911	1.6	880	318	26
735,751	0.7	137	724,530	98.5	516,626	0.6	106	264	7
493,570	0.5	565	491,673	99.6	388,557	0.5	450	167	23
371,155	0.3	316	362,578	97.7	287,192	0.3	249	727	20
1,664,011	1.5	268	1,654,226	99.4	1,250,075	1.5	207	539	13

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		Number in Thousands	Percent	Per Person Served ²	Amount in Thousands	Percent	Per Person Served ²
Rheumatology	1,338,580	13,908	0.8	10.4	\$1,662,577	0.7	\$1,242
Vascular Surgery	1,230,560	3,845	0.2	3.1	1,588,787	0.7	1,291
Cardiac Surgery	376,780	1,308	0.1	3.5	1,305,853	0.6	3,466
Hematology/Oncology	1,659,740	66,473	3.8	40.1	10,731,243	4.5	6,466
Medical Oncology	708,120	26,950	1.5	38.1	4,569,907	1.9	6,454
Radiation Oncology	886,080	10,769	0.6	12.2	4,301,069	1.8	4,854
Emergency Medicine	8,910,560	23,356	1.3	2.6	5,800,297	2.5	651
All Other Physician ⁶	NA	17,097	1.0	NA	3,521,940	1.5	NA
Group Practice	328,400	2,194	0.1	6.7	178,345	0.1	543
Total Non-Physician	13,655,100	117,082	6.6	8.6	18,647,015	7.9	1,366
Total Suppliers	22,953,760	447,982	25.4	19.5	40,417,073	17.1	1,761

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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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
\$962,792	0.9	\$719	\$948,874	98.6	\$741,969	0.9	\$565	\$1,200	\$26
582,619	0.5	473	581,398	99.8	456,676	0.5	377	108	48
391,844	0.4	1,040	387,928	99.0	309,555	0.4	831	349	91
4,989,711	4.6	3,006	4,984,889	99.9	3,953,146	4.7	2,411	424	39
2,015,638	1.9	2,846	2,014,640	99.9	1,598,794	1.9	2,287	89	27
1,502,096	1.4	1,695	1,492,397	99.4	1,190,534	1.4	1,389	870	169
2,093,424	1.9	235	2,091,594	99.9	1,620,114	1.9	186	151	12
1,367,310	1.3	NA	1,356,981	99.2	1,070,715	1.3	NA	741	NA
64,116	0.1	195	63,578	99.2	52,403	0.1	163	42	12
7,138,717	6.6	523	7,118,244	99.7	5,390,031	6.4	402	1,180	12
20,583,657	19.0	897	20,474,221	99.5	16,702,878	19.9	731	7,028	17