

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 2006**

Physician/Supplier Specialty <sup>1</sup>	Persons Served <sup>2</sup>	Services		Per Person Served <sup>2</sup>	Submitted Charges		Per Person Served <sup>2</sup>
		Number in Thousands	Percent		Amount in Thousands	Percent	
Total All Specialties	32,981,880	1,766,733	100.0	53.6	\$248,447,505	100.0	\$7,533
Total Physicians	32,416,740	1,191,690	67.5	36.8	184,539,158	74.3	5,693
General Practice	2,780,860	21,042	1.2	7.6	1,948,874	0.8	701
General Surgery	4,289,360	15,138	0.9	3.5	6,195,433	2.5	1,444
Allergy and Immunology	417,840	12,008	0.7	28.7	292,237	0.1	699
Otology, Laryngology, Rhinology	3,008,480	14,895	0.8	5.0	1,978,618	0.8	658
Anesthesiology	5,739,820	15,044	0.9	2.6	8,145,127	3.3	1,419
Cardiology	11,808,340	116,161	6.6	9.8	19,726,022	7.9	1,671
Dermatology	5,577,780	39,223	2.2	7.0	3,487,838	1.4	625
Family Practice	13,882,800	126,064	7.1	9.1	8,800,366	3.5	634
Gastroenterology	4,621,340	15,922	0.9	3.4	5,022,747	2.0	1,087
Internal Medicine	18,092,080	208,700	11.8	11.5	18,988,803	7.6	1,050
Manipulative Therapy	135,420	956	0.1	7.1	93,644	(5)	692
Neurology	3,361,840	17,149	1.0	5.1	2,784,477	1.1	828
Neurological Surgery	773,840	2,596	0.1	3.4	2,363,669	1.0	3,054
Obstetrics and Gynecology	2,531,720	8,218	0.5	3.2	1,378,949	0.6	545
Ophthalmology	11,496,360	44,080	2.5	3.8	11,228,093	4.5	977
Oral Surgery (Dentists Only)	88,940	191	(5)	2.1	47,740	(5)	537
Orthopedic Surgery	5,413,500	35,537	2.0	6.6	10,029,138	4.0	1,853
Pathology	6,061,940	22,317	1.3	3.7	2,771,952	1.1	457
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	462,820	1,645	0.1	3.6	770,522	0.3	1,665
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	1,435,300	14,073	0.8	9.8	1,642,091	0.7	1,144
Psychiatry	2,247,840	16,370	0.9	7.3	1,847,477	0.7	822
Colorectal Surgery (Proctology)	277,900	738	(5)	2.7	321,476	0.1	1,157
Pulmonary Disease	3,079,520	23,709	1.3	7.7	3,020,580	1.2	981
Diagnostic Radiology	20,297,860	105,604	6.0	5.2	16,714,470	6.7	823
Thoracic Surgery	501,120	1,579	0.1	3.2	1,457,549	0.6	2,909
Urology	4,531,660	30,330	1.7	6.7	5,824,258	2.3	1,285
Chiropractic	2,206,120	24,430	1.4	11.1	1,015,964	0.4	461
Nuclear Medicine	512,580	1,329	0.1	2.6	328,539	0.1	641
Pediatric Medicine	285,600	1,862	0.1	6.5	181,751	0.1	636
Geriatric Medicine	416,940	2,544	0.1	6.1	253,145	0.1	607
Nephrology	1,660,900	18,844	1.1	11.3	3,728,067	1.5	2,245
Optometrist	5,391,780	11,619	0.7	2.2	969,747	0.4	180
Infectious Disease	879,120	8,467	0.5	9.6	959,678	0.4	1,092
Endocrinology	1,211,160	8,405	0.5	6.9	671,685	0.3	555
Podiatry	6,194,740	34,540	2.0	5.6	2,583,360	1.0	417

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Amount in Thousands	Percent	Per Person Served <sup>2</sup>	Assigned in Thousands	Percent of Charges Assigned <sup>3</sup>	Amount in Thousands	Percent	Per Person Served <sup>4</sup>	Amount in Thousands	Per Person With Liability
\$110,135,017	100.0	\$3,339	\$109,387,656	99.3	\$85,218,098	100.0	\$2,647	\$56,350	\$29
81,204,476	73.7	2,505	80,564,185	99.2	62,201,315	73.0	1,979	49,538	32
1,157,121	1.1	416	1,145,815	99.0	872,409	1.0	327	750	18
2,250,751	2.0	525	2,242,171	99.6	1,753,070	2.1	417	718	33
186,084	0.2	445	182,925	98.3	139,893	0.2	344	240	26
930,389	0.8	309	923,703	99.3	700,615	0.8	240	557	18
1,709,715	1.6	298	1,704,283	99.7	1,343,988	1.6	235	476	23
8,267,675	7.5	700	8,232,048	99.6	6,412,646	7.5	553	2,988	35
2,263,021	2.1	406	2,225,727	98.4	1,704,625	2.0	317	3,109	21
5,204,798	4.7	375	5,158,101	99.1	3,785,759	4.4	284	3,778	19
1,777,522	1.6	385	1,763,439	99.2	1,369,817	1.6	300	1,195	29
10,669,545	9.7	590	10,561,977	99.0	8,077,566	9.5	459	9,148	24
52,207	(5)	386	50,659	97.0	39,869	(5)	301	110	36
1,474,062	1.3	438	1,462,788	99.2	1,128,745	1.3	343	992	31
588,412	0.5	760	584,283	99.3	460,613	0.5	606	365	57
613,732	0.6	242	604,797	98.5	464,931	0.5	188	686	14
5,466,893	5.0	476	5,425,370	99.2	4,110,319	4.8	375	3,411	21
25,066	(5)	282	23,361	93.2	19,353	(5)	225	91	19
3,457,149	3.1	639	3,438,956	99.5	2,665,462	3.1	504	1,547	44
996,208	0.9	164	989,434	99.3	787,233	0.9	131	590	20
272,435	0.2	589	270,330	99.2	212,773	0.2	469	175	34
833,054	0.8	580	829,750	99.6	649,643	0.8	457	288	26
1,138,772	1.0	507	1,109,299	97.4	712,749	0.8	329	2,177	41
124,898	0.1	449	123,568	98.9	96,267	0.1	351	119	41
1,647,027	1.5	535	1,641,023	99.6	1,282,675	1.5	422	525	25
5,907,101	5.4	291	5,861,416	99.2	4,605,421	5.4	233	3,881	47
439,681	0.4	877	438,001	99.6	347,092	0.4	701	147	74
2,558,613	2.3	565	2,548,520	99.6	1,976,110	2.3	442	871	30
798,774	0.7	362	702,670	88.0	588,734	0.7	280	5,140	17
144,214	0.1	281	141,240	97.9	113,318	0.1	225	260	40
96,340	0.1	337	96,110	99.8	73,839	0.1	267	7	15
154,747	0.1	371	153,419	99.1	116,648	0.1	286	119	28
1,852,093	1.7	1,115	1,848,795	99.8	1,453,948	1.7	885	286	24
765,646	0.7	142	756,357	98.8	530,842	0.6	108	222	7
501,691	0.5	571	499,798	99.6	394,423	0.5	452	164	24
383,629	0.3	317	375,235	97.8	295,944	0.3	249	715	20
1,710,223	1.6	276	1,701,438	99.5	1,279,267	1.5	212	514	14

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		Number in Thousands	Percent		Amount in Thousands	Percent	
Rheumatology	1,320,340	13,936	0.8	10.6	\$1,842,500	0.7	\$1,395
Vascular Surgery	1,238,160	3,947	0.2	3.2	1,725,415	0.7	1,394
Cardiac Surgery	375,260	1,303	0.1	3.5	1,312,490	0.5	3,498
Hematology/Oncology	1,758,700	70,765	4.0	40.2	12,221,669	4.9	6,949
Medical Oncology	751,580	27,497	1.6	36.6	4,867,132	2.0	6,476
Radiation Oncology	870,400	10,828	0.6	12.4	4,725,690	1.9	5,429
Emergency Medicine	8,757,340	23,688	1.3	2.7	6,234,868	2.5	712
All Other Physician <sup>6</sup>	NA	18,397	1.0	NA	4,035,308	1.6	NA
Group Practice	257,220	1,900	0.1	7.4	156,934	0.1	610
Total Non-Physician	13,749,820	112,945	6.4	8.2	20,237,346	8.1	1,472
Total Suppliers	22,800,240	460,198	26.0	20.2	43,514,067	17.5	1,908

<sup>1</sup>Refer 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.

<sup>2</sup>Includes 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.

<sup>3</sup>Ratio of assigned allowed charges to total allowed charges. Includes charges for supplier services.

<sup>4</sup>The average program payment per person served does not reflect beneficiaries who received covered services, but for whom no program payments were reported.

<sup>5</sup>Less than 0.05 percent.

<sup>6</sup>Includes 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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\$1,041,959	0.9	\$789	\$1,030,534	98.9	\$801,479	0.9	\$619	\$957	\$25
609,426	0.6	492	608,620	99.9	477,167	0.6	390	71	37
375,990	0.3	1,002	372,779	99.1	296,883	0.3	800	288	56
5,413,810	4.9	3,078	5,409,736	99.9	4,292,451	5.0	2,466	349	33
2,080,058	1.9	2,768	2,079,160	99.9	1,651,134	1.9	2,221	81	28
1,626,100	1.5	1,868	1,618,524	99.5	1,290,987	1.5	1,528	680	158
2,121,437	1.9	242	2,119,164	99.9	1,637,912	1.9	191	190	13
1,516,408	1.4	NA	1,508,862	99.5	1,186,696	1.4	NA	561	NA
53,327	(5)	207	52,593	98.6	43,619	0.1	173	59	11
7,266,974	6.6	529	7,250,163	99.8	5,466,408	6.4	404	1,005	11
21,610,240	19.6	948	21,520,715	99.6	17,506,756	20.5	772	5,749	17