

**Table 59**

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for Medicare Physician and Supplier Services, by Physician Specialty: Calendar Year 1999**

Physician/Supplier Specialty <sup>1</sup>	Persons Served <sup>2</sup>	Services			Submitted Charges		
		Number in Thousands	Percent	Per Person Served <sup>2</sup>	Amount in Thousands	Percent	Per Person Served <sup>2</sup>
Total All Specialties	29,331,640	1,200,603	100.0	40.9	\$116,249,395	100.0	\$3,963
Total Physicians	28,726,760	851,399	70.9	29.6	89,580,564	77.1	3,118
General Practice	3,475,040	23,057	1.9	6.6	1,343,391	1.2	387
General Surgery	4,034,240	14,284	1.2	3.5	4,379,918	3.8	1,086
Allergy and Immunology	321,000	10,821	0.9	33.7	162,906	0.1	507
Otology, Laryngology, Rhinology	2,579,240	11,408	1.0	4.4	1,062,362	0.9	412
Anesthesiology	4,654,280	10,953	0.9	2.4	4,416,736	3.8	949
Cardiology	8,415,120	73,716	6.1	8.8	9,447,709	8.1	1,123
Dermatology	4,301,800	26,539	2.2	6.2	1,572,612	1.4	366
Family Practice	10,748,740	93,348	7.8	8.7	4,418,592	3.8	411
Gastroenterology	3,237,680	13,444	1.1	4.2	2,718,925	2.3	840
Internal Medicine	14,797,420	162,636	13.5	11.0	10,113,444	8.7	683
Manipulative Therapy	79,960	593	(5)	7.4	34,890	(5)	436
Neurology	2,541,220	11,908	1.0	4.7	1,326,370	1.1	522
Neurological Surgery	535,740	1,639	0.1	3.1	1,093,689	0.9	2,041
Obstetrics and Gynecology	2,230,120	5,902	0.5	2.6	778,453	0.7	349
Ophthalmology	10,357,800	32,260	2.7	3.1	6,985,519	6.0	674
Oral Surgery (Dentists Only)	82,220	166	(5)	2.0	30,270	(5)	368
Orthopedic Surgery	4,157,240	22,761	1.9	5.5	4,945,084	4.3	1,190
Pathology	5,130,220	15,323	1.3	3.0	1,472,196	1.3	287
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	448,720	1,537	0.1	3.4	517,813	0.4	1,154
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	936,980	11,134	0.9	11.9	768,367	0.7	820
Psychiatry	1,838,040	15,424	1.3	8.4	1,385,195	1.2	754
Colorectal Surgery (Proctology)	215,320	554	(5)	2.6	170,319	0.1	791
Pulmonary Disease	2,160,300	18,657	1.6	8.6	1,637,070	1.4	758
Diagnostic Radiology	16,782,940	72,724	6.1	4.3	7,845,488	6.7	467
Thoracic Surgery	534,260	1,605	0.1	3.0	1,337,252	1.2	2,503
Urology	3,775,980	23,937	2.0	6.3	3,408,147	2.9	903
Chiropractic	1,426,700	13,187	1.1	9.2	429,015	0.4	301
Nuclear Medicine	411,380	979	0.1	2.4	157,264	0.1	382
Pediatric Medicine	240,360	1,342	0.1	5.6	78,068	0.1	325
Geriatric Medicine	269,440	1,863	0.2	6.9	112,854	0.1	419
Nephrology	886,320	19,093	1.6	21.5	1,586,169	1.4	1,790
Optometrist	4,010,940	11,226	0.9	2.8	430,832	0.4	107
Infectious Disease	531,260	4,919	0.4	9.3	412,340	0.4	776
Endocrinology	737,780	5,829	0.5	7.9	317,531	0.3	430
Podiatry	5,033,300	23,556	2.0	4.7	1,353,942	1.2	269

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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
\$60,563,267	100.0	\$2,065	\$59,480,788	98.2	\$46,487,527	100.0	\$1,638	\$76,730	\$23
46,007,639	76.0	1,602	45,168,456	98.2	34,919,122	75.1	1,266	61,829	23
883,667	1.5	254	855,349	96.8	641,589	1.4	197	1,774	14
1,874,730	3.1	465	1,859,108	99.2	1,459,070	3.1	373	1,256	27
123,770	0.2	386	116,703	94.3	92,732	0.2	297	461	24
547,923	0.9	212	538,848	98.3	406,521	0.9	168	703	12
1,305,905	2.2	281	1,295,990	99.2	1,029,733	2.2	223	811	20
4,402,638	7.3	523	4,362,908	99.1	3,408,306	7.3	416	3,232	26
1,101,948	1.8	256	1,064,313	96.6	813,422	1.7	202	2,995	13
2,977,329	4.9	277	2,893,902	97.2	2,123,356	4.6	209	6,323	14
1,280,583	2.1	396	1,263,633	98.7	991,738	2.1	313	1,393	27
6,469,871	10.7	437	6,303,913	97.4	4,848,562	10.4	340	13,738	19
23,164	(5)	290	21,529	92.9	17,159	(5)	227	106	19
800,789	1.3	315	788,536	98.5	613,413	1.3	249	994	20
346,765	0.6	647	341,611	98.5	271,676	0.6	524	445	52
378,256	0.6	170	363,192	96.0	280,427	0.6	133	1,117	12
3,428,080	5.7	331	3,367,414	98.2	2,540,518	5.5	269	4,960	16
17,147	(5)	209	15,157	88.4	13,090	(5)	167	129	18
2,097,982	3.5	505	2,076,156	99.0	1,613,915	3.5	407	1,805	36
571,096	0.9	111	566,609	99.2	450,654	1.0	89	388	12
202,009	0.3	450	198,515	98.3	157,274	0.3	365	278	29
465,888	0.8	497	463,938	99.6	366,124	0.8	397	150	19
955,560	1.6	520	916,331	95.9	595,374	1.3	337	2,592	37
78,405	0.1	364	77,195	98.5	60,208	0.1	286	105	23
1,058,360	1.7	490	1,051,413	99.3	823,929	1.8	389	594	23
3,094,654	5.1	184	3,066,268	99.1	2,401,952	5.2	148	2,382	19
507,998	0.8	951	504,747	99.4	401,612	0.9	769	281	72
2,089,221	3.4	553	2,062,873	98.7	1,618,032	3.5	437	2,178	33
376,650	0.6	264	301,244	80.0	275,217	0.6	202	2,982	13
67,372	0.1	164	65,590	97.4	52,686	0.1	131	137	20
47,591	0.1	198	47,079	98.9	35,436	0.1	155	23	10
80,307	0.1	298	78,880	98.2	59,718	0.1	230	125	25
904,281	1.5	1,020	900,597	99.6	709,627	1.5	815	320	24
362,823	0.6	90	349,931	96.4	240,167	0.5	71	238	5
265,483	0.4	500	263,710	99.3	208,718	0.4	399	152	18
210,751	0.3	286	202,055	95.9	162,615	0.3	225	719	17
968,429	1.6	192	954,461	98.6	708,283	1.5	147	741	10

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Rheumatology	995,160	10,037	0.8	10.1	\$450,424	0.4	\$453	
Vascular Surgery	718,640	1,956	0.2	2.7	752,727	0.6	1,047	
Cardiac Surgery	213,160	591	(5)	2.8	758,473	0.7	3,558	
Hematology/Oncology	1,063,780	35,253	2.9	33.1	2,998,746	2.6	2,819	
Medical Oncology	423,300	13,063	1.1	30.9	1,168,368	1.0	2,760	
Radiation Oncology	531,840	7,866	0.7	14.8	1,781,486	1.5	3,350	
Emergency Medicine	5,815,700	13,103	1.1	2.3	2,055,874	1.8	354	
All Other Physician <sup>9</sup>	NA	11,205	0.9	NA	1,363,735	1.2	NA	
Group Practice	3,015,320	33,158	2.8	11.0	3,403,804	2.9	1,129	
Total Non-Physician	5,746,280	30,275	2.5	5.3	5,709,862	4.9	994	
Total Suppliers	18,153,260	284,123	23.7	15.7	17,182,490	14.8	947	
Invalid Physician/Supplier Specialty Code:	1,599,500	1,649	0.1	1.0	372,675	0.3	233	

<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>9</sup>Includes critical care, addiction to medicine, hand surgery, peripheral vascular disease, preventive medicine, maxillofacial surgery, neuropsychiatry, surgical oncology, interventional radiology, hematology, gynecologist/oncologist, and unknown physician's specialty.

NOTES: Medicare charges and program payments represent fee-for-service utilization only. 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 Decision Support Access Facility; data development by the Office of Research, Development, and Information.

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\$298,090	0.5	\$300	\$279,455	93.7	\$224,056	0.5	\$231	\$1,564	\$20
313,132	0.5	436	311,423	99.5	245,006	0.5	350	145	39
286,448	0.5	1,344	283,553	99.0	226,877	0.5	1,086	260	171
1,766,541	2.9	1,661	1,756,417	99.4	1,402,214	3.0	1,341	793	56
651,021	1.1	1,538	645,343	99.1	516,741	1.1	1,245	488	68
682,393	1.1	1,283	678,417	99.4	540,982	1.2	1,057	352	70
962,566	1.6	166	960,891	99.8	739,954	1.6	131	137	9
680,024	1.1	NA	653,256	96.1	530,436	1.1	NA	1,462	NA
1,685,212	2.8	559	1,682,550	99.8	1,284,796	2.8	442	218	20
2,615,217	4.3	455	2,594,429	99.2	1,938,820	4.2	344	1,113	9
10,067,566	16.6	555	9,848,174	97.8	8,195,872	17.6	454	13,535	20
187,633	0.3	117	187,179	99.8	148,917	0.3	101	36	8