

MEDICARE HOME HEALTH PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM PROVIDER BASED UTILIZATION DATA PUBLIC USE FILE

This file contains provider level summarized data from the 1998 60-Day Episode file utilized in the development of the Home Health Prospective Payment System published in the June 29th Final Rule. The total number of visits for each of the six disciplines as well as the total number of episodes originate from the National Claims History file for home health claims utilization. Wage indexes (pre-reclassified and pre-floor) for each episode were matched to the 1998 60-Day Episode file by the beneficiaries location, then summed and averaged for the nation and used in the calculation of the PPS rates. This provider based version of the 1998 60-Day Episode file supplies the user of this file ==>Period Available: 1998 National Claims History data for home health agencies

HOME HEALTH PUBLIC USE FILE RECORD LAYOUT PROVIDER EPISODE DATA

(NCH utilization for home health services)

FIELD NAME	FORMAT	POSITION	DESCRIPTION
NUM_EPISGT4	7.	1	Total number of episodes with greater than 4 visits per provider
TOT_WIGT4	10.4	8	Total sum of wage index values (adjusted for labor & non labor) per provider , for episodes with greater than 4 visits
WIGT4CMA	10.4	18	Total sum of wage index values (adjusted for labor & non labor) per provider, adjusted for case mix (therapy & non therapy) for episodes with greater than 4 visits
NUM_EPISLE4	7.	28	Total number of episodes with less than or equal to 4 visits per provider
TOT_WILE4	10.4	35	Total sum of wage index values (adjusted for labor & non labor) per provider, for episodes with less than or equal to 4 visits
WILE4CMA	10.4	45	Total sum of wage index values (adjusted for labor & non labor) per provider, adjusted for case mix (therapy & non therapy) for episodes with less than or equal to 4 visits
EPSNF	10.	55	Total skilled nursing visits per provider for episodes with greater than 4 visits
EPPT	10.	65	Total physical therapy visits per provider for episodes with greater than 4 visits
EPOT	10.	75	Total occupational therapy visits per provider for episodes with greater than 4 visits
EPSP	10.	85	Total speech language pathology visits per provider for episodes with greater than 4 visits
EPSOC	10.	95	Total medical social visits per provider for episodes with greater than 4 visits
EPHH	10.	105	Total home health aide visits per provider for episodes with greater than 4 visits

Notes:

- For the Final Rule, case mix adjusted (for therapy & non therapy) wage factors were used for episodes with greater 4 visits, verses wage-only factors that were used in the Proposed Rule. LUPA (episodes with less than or equal to 4 visits) continues to use wage only factors.
- To calculate the national wage factors (both for episodes greater than 4 visits and for episodes with less than or equal to 4 visits) one would:
For LUPA episodes: Divide the wage index (TOT_WILE4) by the number of episodes(NUM_EPISLE4).
For Non LUPA episodes: Divide the case mix adjusted wage factor (TOT_WIGT4) by the number of episodes(NUM_EPISGT4).