

Table 4. Number and percent distribution of outpatient department visits with corresponding standard errors by selected visit characteristics, according to primary care physician status: United States, 2000

Visit characteristic	Are you the patient's primary care physician?			
	All visits	Yes	No	Unknown
		Number of visits in thousands		
All visits	83,289	30,566	41,438	11,284
Percent distribution	100.0	36.7	49.8	13.6
Was authorization required for care?				
Yes	9,986	1,414	7,901	*674
No	52,414	24,953	24,118	3,343
Unknown/blank	20,889	4,199	9,419	7,270
Is this a capitated visit?				
Yes	6,816	2,237	3,647	*931
No	44,082	18,218	23,137	2,726
Unknown/blank	32,392	10,111	14,654	7,627
HMO ¹ status				
Yes	17,639	6,301	9,983	1,355
No	43,602	17,583	22,645	3,374
Unknown/blank	22,049	6,683	8,811	6,555
		Standard error in thousands		
All visits	7,018	3,737	3,887	1,660
Was authorization required for care?				
Yes	1,421	264	1,191	395
No	5,350	3,393	2,563	720
Unknown/blank	3,171	1,297	1,390	1,413
Is this a capitated visit?				
Yes	1,463	482	932	475
No	4,892	2,865	2,871	609
Unknown/blank	3,570	1,989	1,474	1,363
HMO ¹ status				
Yes	2,212	1,179	1,199	420
No	4,503	2,624	2,506	641
Unknown/blank	2,774	1,371	1,013	1,249
		Percent distribution		
All visits	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Was authorization required for care?				
Yes	12.0	4.6	19.1	*6.0
No	62.9	81.6	58.2	29.6
Unknown/blank	25.1	13.7	22.7	64.4
Is this a capitated visit?				
Yes	8.2	7.3	8.8	*8.3
No	52.9	59.6	55.8	24.2
Unknown/blank	38.9	33.1	35.4	67.6
HMO ¹ status				
Yes	21.2	20.6	24.1	12.0
No	52.4	57.5	54.7	29.9
Unknown/blank	26.5	21.9	21.3	58.1
		Standard error of percent		
All visits
Was authorization required for care?				
Yes	1.5	0.9	2.1	2.6
No	3.1	4.0	2.7	5.7
Unknown/blank	3.3	3.9	2.8	6.3
Is this a capitated visit?				
Yes	1.6	1.4	2.1	3.8
No	3.3	5.3	3.3	5.1
Unknown/blank	3.3	5.3	2.9	5.7
HMO ¹ status				
Yes	2.0	3.1	2.0	3.2
No	2.8	4.4	2.4	5.0
Unknown/blank	2.6	3.7	1.8	5.5

... Category not applicable.

* Figure does not meet standard of reliability or precision.

¹HMO is health maintenance organization.

NOTE: Numbers may not add to totals because of rounding.