

Table 46

Trends in Persons Served, Visits, Total Charges, Visit Charges, and Program Payments for Medicare Home Health Agency Services, by Year of Service: Selected Calendar Years 1974-1999

| Year of Service               | Persons Served      |                     | Visits              |                   | Total Charges in Thousands | Visit Charges       |            |                   | Program Payments    |                                |              |       |      |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|-------|------|
|                               | Number in Thousands | Per 1,000 Enrollees | Number in Thousands | Per Person Served |                            | Amount in Thousands | Per Visit  | Per Person Served | Amount in Thousands | Per Person Served <sup>2</sup> | Per Enrollee |       |      |
| 1974                          | 392.7               | 16                  | 8,070               | 21                | 340                        | \$147,499           | \$137,406  | \$17              | \$350               | \$6                            | \$141,464    | \$360 | \$6  |
| 1976                          | 588.7               | 23                  | 13,335              | 23                | 520                        | 312,325             | 292,697    | 22                | 497                 | 11                             | 289,851      | 492   | 11   |
| 1978                          | 789.7               | 28                  | 17,345              | 23                | 639                        | 500,747             | 474,498    | 27                | 617                 | 18                             | 435,322      | 566   | 16   |
| 1980                          | 957.4               | 34                  | 22,428              | 23                | 788                        | 770,703             | 734,718    | 33                | 767                 | 26                             | 662,133      | 692   | 23   |
| 1982                          | 1,171.9             | 40                  | 30,787              | 26                | 1,044                      | 1,296,454           | 1,232,684  | 40                | 1,052               | 42                             | 1,104,715    | 943   | 37   |
| 1983                          | 1,351.2             | 45                  | 36,844              | 27                | 1,227                      | 1,657,024           | 1,596,989  | 43                | 1,182               | 53                             | 1,398,092    | 1,035 | 47   |
| 1984                          | 1,515.9             | 50                  | 40,337              | 27                | 1,324                      | 1,982,033           | 1,843,706  | 46                | 1,216               | 61                             | 1,666,253    | 1,099 | 55   |
| 1985                          | 1,588.6             | 51                  | 39,742              | 25                | 1,279                      | 2,124,312           | 2,040,697  | 51                | 1,285               | 66                             | 1,773,048    | 1,116 | 57   |
| 1986                          | 1,600.2             | 50                  | 38,359              | 24                | 1,208                      | 2,190,238           | 2,102,253  | 55                | 1,314               | 66                             | 1,795,820    | 1,122 | 57   |
| 1987                          | 1,564.5             | 48                  | 36,088              | 23                | 1,113                      | 2,210,670           | 2,104,753  | 58                | 1,345               | 65                             | 1,791,589    | 1,145 | 55   |
| 1988                          | 1,601.7             | 49                  | 37,713              | 24                | 1,144                      | 2,453,974           | 2,341,441  | 62                | 1,462               | 71                             | 1,945,768    | 1,215 | 59   |
| 1989                          | 1,724.9             | 51                  | 47,258              | 27                | 1,407                      | 3,240,071           | 3,113,345  | 66                | 1,805               | 93                             | 2,431,643    | 1,410 | 72   |
| 1990                          | 1,967.1             | 57                  | 70,268              | 36                | 2,054                      | 5,031,248           | 4,856,147  | 69                | 2,469               | 142                            | 3,713,652    | 1,892 | 109  |
| 1991                          | 2,242.9             | 64                  | 99,825              | 45                | 2,862                      | 7,365,931           | 7,117,436  | 71                | 3,173               | 204                            | 5,369,051    | 2,397 | 154  |
| 1992                          | 2,506.2             | 70                  | 132,220             | 53                | 3,714                      | 10,229,130          | 9,900,157  | 75                | 3,950               | 278                            | 7,396,822    | 2,955 | 208  |
| 1993                          | 2,874.1             | 79                  | 164,234             | 57                | 4,520                      | 13,673,836          | 13,241,340 | 81                | 4,607               | 364                            | 9,726,444    | 3,389 | 268  |
| 1994 <sup>1</sup>             | 3,179.2             | 83                  | 208,621             | 66                | 6,122                      | 17,761,662          | 17,234,388 | 83                | 5,421               | 506                            | 12,660,526   | 3,987 | 372  |
| 1995 <sup>1</sup>             | 3,489.4             | 102                 | 249,394             | 72                | 7,322                      | 21,591,139          | 20,973,734 | 84                | 6,045               | 616                            | 15,391,094   | 4,441 | 452  |
| 1996 <sup>1</sup>             | 3,599.7             | 107                 | 264,798             | 74                | 7,857                      | 23,327,834          | 22,655,440 | 86                | 6,294               | 672                            | 16,756,767   | 4,660 | 497  |
| 1997 <sup>1</sup>             | 3,557.5             | 106                 | 256,168             | 73                | 7,821                      | 23,460,105          | 22,766,528 | 88                | 6,400               | 690                            | 16,718,263   | 4,704 | 507  |
| 1998 <sup>1</sup>             | 3,061.6             | 95                  | 155,407             | 51                | 4,804                      | 14,846,358          | 14,399,716 | 93                | 4,703               | 445                            | 10,458,908   | 3,420 | 323  |
| 1999 <sup>1</sup>             | 2,719.7             | 85                  | 113,439             | 42                | 3,525                      | 11,370,780          | 11,065,837 | 98                | 4,069               | 344                            | 7,936,513    | 2,921 | 247  |
| Average Annual Rate of Change |                     |                     |                     |                   |                            |                     |            |                   |                     |                                |              |       |      |
| 1974-1982                     | 14.6                | 12.1                | 18.2                | 2.7               | 15.1                       | 31.2                | 31.6       | 11.3              | 14.7                | 27.5                           | 29.3         | 12.8  | 25.5 |
| 1982-1987                     | 5.9                 | 3.7                 | 3.2                 | -2.4              | 1.3                        | 11.3                | 11.3       | 7.7               | 5.0                 | 9.1                            | 10.2         | 4.0   | 8.3  |
| 1987-1999                     | 4.7                 | 4.9                 | 10.0                | 5.1               | 10.1                       | 14.6                | 14.8       | 4.5               | 9.7                 | 14.9                           | 13.2         | 8.1   | 13.3 |
| 1974-1999                     | 8.0                 | 6.9                 | 11.2                | 2.8               | 9.8                        | 19.0                | 19.2       | 7.3               | 10.3                | 17.6                           | 17.5         | 8.7   | 16.0 |

<sup>1</sup>Beginning with 1994, Medicare enrollees in managed care plans are not included in the denominator used to calculate the utilization rates and average payments.

<sup>2</sup>Prior to July 1, 1981, Part B home health services were subject to the Part B deductible. The deductible applicable to home health services was eliminated, effective July 1, 1981.

The denominator for the calculation of program payments per person served do not include beneficiaries who received covered home health service but for whom no program payments were reported during the calendar year.

NOTES: Medicare program payments represent fee-for-service only; that is, program payments exclude amounts paid for managed care services. Numbers may not add to total because of rounding.

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