



BASIC FACTS & FIGURES:

HOME HEALTH SERVICES¹

- In 2007, there were 9,284 Medicare-certified² home health agencies in the United States, which cover a range of organization types (e.g., hospice, home care aide, and Visiting Nurse Associations) and structures (e.g., freestanding and hospital-based).
- 23% of the home health agencies are nonprofit, 9% are government, and 68% are for-profit.
- Medicare is the largest payer (37%) of home health services followed by Medicaid (19%), state/local governments (20%), private insurance (12%), out-of-pocket payments (10%), and other (3%).
- In 2006, there were just over 3 million³ home health patients and 104.1 million visits, with charges totaling \$13.6 billion. Nonprofit agencies represented 33% of the visits and 34% of the charges (see below).

Comparison of Home Health Services by Ownership, 2006 (Medicare-certified agencies only)			
	NONPROFIT	GOVT	FOR-PROFIT
Total Visits	33%	4%	63%
Total Charges	34%	4%	62%
Average Visit Charge per Visit	\$133	\$116	\$128
Average Visit Charge per Person Served	\$3,250	\$3,268	\$5,275

- National spending for freestanding home health services decelerated from 12.3% in 2005 to 9.9% in 2006, partially due to a reduction in price growth. Despite this deceleration, home health care continues to be the fastest growing component of Personal Health Care spending. Expenditures were \$52.7 billion in 2006, and are projected to be \$62 billion in 2008.

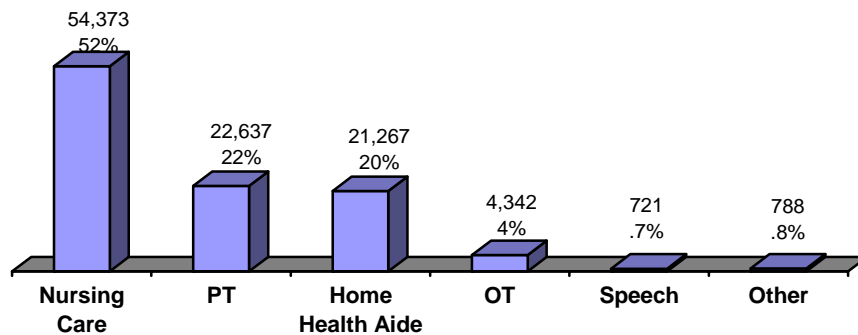
¹ Source: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (Home Health Quality Initiatives, Office of the Actuary, and Home Health Agency Center). Web site accessed July 2008. www.cms.hhs.gov

² Unless otherwise noted, all statistics are for Medicare-certified agencies only. Because of variation in licensing and oversight among states, it is difficult to track and/or assess non-certified agencies.

³ Includes United States and outlying areas.

- Home health consists of medical, nursing, or therapeutic care (e.g., physical, occupational, and speech-language therapy) as well as personal care needs that are delivered at home to patients recovering from care in hospitals or nursing homes; patients who are disabled; the frail elderly; and chronically/terminally ill persons.

Medicare Home Health Visits by Type of Visit (in thousands), 2006



- The South consumes the most home health care services in the United States, representing 54% of all Medicare visits in 2006. This was followed by the Northeast (18%), the Midwest (17%), and the West (11%).

KEY HOME CARE DATA BY STATE

State	% NONPROFIT	% GOVERNMENT	% FOR-PROFIT	TOTAL
AK	44%	19%	38%	100%
AL	14%	31%	55%	100%
AR	31%	50%	19%	100%
AZ	19%	1%	80%	100%
CA	18%	3%	79%	100%
CO	22%	12%	66%	100%
CT	52%	9%	39%	100%
DC	0%	0%	100%	100%
DE	44%	0%	56%	100%
FL	10%	1%	88%	100%
GA	34%	2%	64%	100%
HI	64%	7%	29%	100%
IA	31%	43%	26%	100%
ID	17%	17%	67%	100%
IL	18%	8%	75%	100%
IN	24%	12%	65%	100%
KS	31%	36%	33%	100%
KY	43%	18%	39%	100%

State	% NONPROFIT	% GOVERNMENT	% FOR-PROFIT	TOTAL
LA	8%	5%	88%	100%
MA	50%	2%	48%	100%
MD	48%	4%	48%	100%
ME	72%	0%	28%	100%
MI	17%	4%	79%	100%
MN	46%	21%	34%	100%
MO	31%	22%	47%	100%
MS	13%	30%	57%	100%
MT	71%	11%	17%	100%
NC	30%	29%	42%	100%
ND	83%	9%	9%	100%
NE	46%	21%	34%	100%
NH	67%	6%	28%	100%
NJ	82%	8%	10%	100%
NM	36%	6%	58%	100%
NV	9%	0%	91%	100%
NY	56%	25%	19%	100%
OH	23%	6%	71%	100%
OK	15%	10%	74%	100%
OR	59%	13%	29%	100%
PA	38%	0%	61%	100%
PR	90%	0%	10%	100%
RI	41%	0%	59%	100%
SC	25%	22%	52%	100%
SD	72%	5%	23%	100%
TN	21%	9%	71%	100%
TX	5%	3%	92%	100%
UT	22%	3%	75%	100%
VA	24%	3%	74%	100%
VT	92%	0%	8%	100%
WA	38%	17%	45%	100%
WI	42%	15%	43%	100%
WV	41%	23%	36%	100%
WY	22%	41%	37%	100%
US	23%	9%	68%	100%

Source: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Home Health Compare Database (data obtained July 2008). Only includes home health agencies that are Medicare-approved and does not include agencies that exclusively serve children, or private pay, or privately insured patients.