

Medicare Payments to Providers in 2012: By Number of Providers

Rank	Provider Type	Number of Providers	Medicare Payment	Payment Per Provider
1	Internal Medicine	91,525	8,736,311,072	95,453
2	Family Practice	77,792	4,372,944,048	56,213
3	Nurse Practitioner	52,196	1,112,002,886	21,304
4	Physician Assistant	40,403	765,296,667	18,942
5	Emergency Medicine	37,254	2,187,650,263	58,723
6	Physical Therapist	36,784	1,804,841,989	49,066
7	Chiropractic	36,399	495,222,499	13,605
8	Mass Immunization Roster Biller	33,013	213,969,614	6,481
9	Anesthesiology	32,641	911,680,075	27,931
10	CRNA	30,160	379,638,309	12,587
11	Diagnostic Radiology	28,555	3,408,878,740	119,379
12	Optometry	25,508	680,056,969	26,661
13	Obstetrics/Gynecology	23,275	314,540,666	13,514
14	Cardiology	22,243	4,965,536,980	223,240
15	Psychiatry	21,928	742,267,520	33,850
16	Orthopedic Surgery	20,381	2,121,360,193	104,085
17	General Surgery	18,594	904,679,997	48,654
18	Ophthalmology	17,071	5,585,010,426	327,164
19	Podiatry	14,514	1,331,631,870	91,748
20	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	13,139	127,826,609	9,729
21	Clinical Psychologist	12,557	306,617,980	24,418
22	Neurology	12,421	1,270,178,333	102,261
23	Gastroenterology	12,019	1,344,335,879	111,851
24	Pathology	11,215	996,519,358	88,856
25	Dermatology	10,508	2,235,387,579	212,732
26	Ambulance Service Supplier	9,814	4,916,022,711	500,919
27	Pulmonary Disease	8,862	1,356,833,437	153,107
28	Urology	8,792	1,385,385,392	157,573
29	Otolaryngology	8,450	642,775,989	76,068
30	Nephrology	7,504	1,685,606,837	224,628
31	Hematology/Oncology	7,374	2,703,879,369	366,677
32	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	7,091	839,850,869	118,439
33	General Practice	6,551	374,283,211	57,134
34	Audiologist (billing independently)	5,488	41,350,163	7,535
35	Endocrinology	4,796	387,291,151	80,753
36	Infectious Disease	4,777	523,363,211	109,559
37	Ambulatory Surgical Center	4,681	2,373,508,871	507,052
38	Radiation Oncology	4,135	1,499,625,803	362,666
39	Neurosurgery	4,117	310,885,463	75,513
40	Rheumatology	4,053	1,044,462,027	257,701
41	Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	3,726	133,471,205	35,822
42	Occupational therapist	3,703	136,754,925	36,931
43	Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility	3,187	716,662,338	224,871
44	Allergy/Immunology	3,119	164,563,431	52,762
45	Clinical Laboratory	2,743	4,824,116,149	1,758,701
46	Vascular Surgery	2,696	485,331,468	180,019
47	Medical Oncology	2,613	806,637,770	308,702
48	Critical Care (Intensivists)	2,170	208,382,904	96,029
49	Thoracic Surgery	1,886	151,409,686	80,281

50	Interventional Pain Management	1,856	366,056,613	197,229
51	Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist	1,846	34,965,516	18,941
52	Geriatric Medicine	1,763	171,880,342	97,493
53	Cardiac Surgery	1,532	179,616,842	117,243
54	Pediatric Medicine	1,489	46,634,108	31,319
55	Registered Dietician/Nutrition Professional	1,457	11,199,039	7,686
56	Colorectal Surgery (formerly proctology)	1,233	66,686,822	54,085
57	Pain Management	1,143	167,101,479	146,196
58	Hand Surgery	1,121	73,811,777	65,845
59	Cardiac Electrophysiology	1,117	204,009,948	182,641
60	Oral Surgery (dentists only)	1,115	11,835,956	10,615
61	Interventional Radiology	1,014	146,229,401	144,210
62	Anesthesiologist Assistants	881	5,683,123	6,451
63	Gynecological/Oncology	850	54,374,720	63,970
64	Maxillofacial Surgery	780	5,102,026	6,541
65	Hematology	687	127,615,053	185,757
66	Surgical Oncology	683	25,803,804	37,780
67	Public Health Welfare Agency	605	6,561,545	10,846
68	Multispecialty Clinic/Group Practice	566	17,768,793	31,394
69	All Other Suppliers	556	103,537,261	186,218
70	Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine	548	35,697,581	65,142
71	Nuclear Medicine	542	63,246,040	116,690
72	Speech Language Pathologist	361	13,217,872	36,615
73	Portable X-ray	351	248,264,307	707,306
74	Certified Nurse Midwife	345	1,029,489	2,984
75	Hospice and Palliative Care	312	11,008,377	35,283
76	Sports Medicine	310	16,079,397	51,869
77	Preventive Medicine	274	10,048,525	36,673
78	Psychologist (billing independently)	245	7,653,371	31,238
79	Geriatric Psychiatry	113	8,012,353	70,906
80	Neuropsychiatry	105	6,762,097	64,401
81	Addiction Medicine	102	4,172,803	40,910
82	Peripheral Vascular Disease	74	14,314,651	193,441
83	Unknown Physician Specialty Code	73	14,259,249	195,332
84	Radiation Therapy	54	69,840,762	1,293,347
85	Unknown Supplier/Provider	52	2,499,431	48,066
86	Slide Preparation Facility	25	11,593,976	463,759
87	Mammographic Screening Center	20	2,825,586	141,279
88	Pharmacy	17	144,979	8,528
89	Sleep Medicine	4	62,795	15,699
Grand Total		880,644	77,394,048,710	87,883

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Data is limited to Fee-For-Service, Part B Medicare Services provided by any given single provider to more than 10 beneficiaries. Many other caveats apply that must temper any conclusions that might be drawn. Some of these limitations are discussed in the KHPI articles that are part of these summary tables.
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