

Report Interpretation Guide  
**PPS Utilization Summary**



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## Introduction

The PPS Utilization Summary provides details about visit utilization for PPS episodes, specifically, visits by discipline.

## Quick View of Report Specifications

Report Attribute	Specification
Patient Universe	All patients for whom a standard PPS episode (non-LUPA, non-Outlier) ended during the time frame (as defined by the M0906 date)
Payers	No limitations; all payers for patients included in patient universe
Time period	Time frame selected by the user – based on the episode end date
OASIS Version & Time Points	OASIS-C; All assessments within a PPS episode
Data Source	OASIS instrument and Medicare billing records
Minimum Data Requirement	OASIS-C instrument must be completed and final billing records submitted
Agency Uses	Strategic
Report Frequency	New data for the current month will be made available on the 1 <sup>st</sup> of the following month, likewise for quarter and year timeframes. Norms for previous timeframes will be recalculated daily.
Report Location	Connection / OnDemand tab / PPS Outcomes folio / PPS Snapshot tab
Comparative Groups	National, Regional, and State norms (compare groups must include at least 5 agencies to be shown)
Risk Adjustment	Data is not risk adjusted

Sample Report

OCS HomeCare		PPS Utilization Summary			
Prepared for: OCS Home Health Agency Data Represents: Episodes Ended October 2010		Provider Number:	999999		
		Branch ID:	N		
Standard Episodes (excludes LUPAs/Outliers)	Your Norm	State Norm	Regional Norm	National Norm	
<b>Comparative Analysis</b>					
Number of agencies (sample size)	1	959	186	17	
Number of PPS episodes (sample size)	137	372,318	61,958	4,612	
PPS discharge episodes per agency	33	193	94	92	
Average length of PPS episode	53.9	43.8	52.6	51.4	
<b>Visits per Episode</b>					
Skilled nursing visits	10	9	11	9	
Physical therapy visits	5	5	4	5	
Occupational therapy visits	0	1	1	1	
Speech therapy visits	0	0	0	0	
Home health aide visits	1	3	3	3	
Medical social services visits	0	0	0	0	
<b>Skilled Nursing</b>					
SN episodes per agency	126	296	284	242	
SN percent of total	100%	92%	98%	97%	
SN visits per occurrence	11.5	13.0	15.1	15.2	
<b>Physical Therapy</b>					
PT episodes per agency	58	191	128	133	
PT percent of total	46%	59%	44%	53%	
PT visits per occurrence	12.8	10.8	12.5	14.5	
<b>Occupational Therapy</b>					
OT episodes per agency	3	84	53	35	
OT percent of total	2%	25%	17%	12%	
OT visits per occurrence	7.0	6.8	8.2	7.2	
<b>Speech Therapy</b>					
ST episodes per agency	1	20	12	13	
ST percent of total	1%	5%	3%	4%	
ST visits per occurrence	13.0	7.0	8.3	9.8	
<b>Home Health Aide</b>					
HHA episodes per agency	17	73	73	70	
HHA percent of total	13%	22%	25%	28%	
HHA visits per occurrence	9.3	15.5	17.8	14.6	
<b>Medical Social Services</b>					
MSW episodes per agency	0	45	25	16	
MSW percent of total	0%	12%	7%	4%	
MSW visits per occurrence	0	1.7	1.7	2.0	

## Report Structure

### Header Definitions

Element	Definition
Prepared for:	Agency Name
Provider Number:	Agency ID (M0010)
Data Represents:	PPS episodes ended between dates selected by user (based on episode end date)

### Compare Group Definitions

Element	Definition
Your Norm	Counts/Averages for the selected Provider Number
State Norm	Counts/Averages for agencies in the same state
Regional Norm	Counts/Averages for agencies in the same Medicare Region
National Norm	Counts/Averages for all US agencies

### Measure Definitions

The data in this report is for standard episodes only (excludes LUPAs/Outliers)

Element	Numerator	Denominator
<b>Comparative Analysis</b>		
Number of agencies (sample size)	Count of agencies with at least one episode with one visit	NA
Number of PPS episodes (sample size)	Count of PPS episodes with at least one visit	NA
PPS discharge episodes per agency	Count of PPS episodes with at least one visit that ended with a transfer, death, or discharge	Count of agencies with at least one episode with one visit
Average length of PPS episode	Sum of episode length for all PPS episodes with at least one visit	Count of PPS episodes with at least one visit
<b>Visits per Episode</b>		
Skilled nursing visits	Sum of SN visits for all PPS episodes with at least one visit	Count of PPS episodes with at least one visit
Physical therapy visits	Sum of PT visits for all PPS episodes with at least one visit	Count of PPS episodes with at least one visit
Occupational therapy visits	Sum of OT visits for all PPS episodes with at least one visit	Count of PPS episodes with at least one visit
Speech therapy visits	Sum of ST visits for all PPS episodes with at least one visit	Count of PPS episodes with at least one visit
Home health aide visits	Sum of HHA visits for all PPS episodes with at least one visit	Count of PPS episodes with at least one visit
Medical social services visits	Sum of MSW visits for all PPS episodes with at least one visit	Count of PPS episodes with at least one visit
<b>Skilled Nursing</b>		

<b>Element</b>	<b>Numerator</b>	<b>Denominator</b>
SN episodes per agency	Count of PPS episodes with at least one SN visit	Count of agencies with at least one episode with one visit
SN percent of total	Count of PPS episodes with at least one SN visit	Count of PPS episodes with at least one visit
SN visits per occurrence	Sum of SN visits for all PPS episodes	Count of PPS episodes with at least one SN visit
<b>Physical Therapy</b>		
PT episodes per agency	Count of PPS episodes with at least one PT visit	Count of agencies with at least one episode with one visit
PT percent of total	Count of PPS episodes with at least one PT visit	Count of PPS episodes with at least one visit
PT visits per occurrence	Sum of PT visits for all PPS episodes	Count of PPS episodes with at least one PT visit
<b>Occupational Therapy</b>		
OT episodes per agency	Count of PPS episodes with at least one OT visit	Count of agencies with at least one episode with one visit
OT percent of total	Count of PPS episodes with at least one OT visit	Count of PPS episodes with at least one visit
OT visits per occurrence	Sum of OT visits for all PPS episodes	Count of PPS episodes with at least one OT visit
<b>Speech Therapy</b>		
ST episodes per agency	Count of PPS episodes with at least one ST visit	Count of agencies with at least one episode with one visit
ST percent of total	Count of PPS episodes with at least one ST visit	Count of PPS episodes with at least one visit
ST visits per occurrence	Sum of ST visits for all PPS episodes	Count of PPS episodes with at least one ST visit
<b>Home Health Aide</b>		
HHA episodes per agency	Count of PPS episodes with at least one HHA visit	Count of agencies with at least one episode with one visit
HHA percent of total	Count of PPS episodes with at least one HHA visit	Count of PPS episodes with at least one visit
HHA visits per occurrence	Sum of HHA visits for all PPS episodes	Count of PPS episodes with at least one HHA visit
<b>Medical Social Services</b>		
MSW episodes per agency	Count of PPS episodes with at least one MSW visit	Count of agencies with at least one episode with one visit
MSW percent of total	Count of PPS episodes with at least one MSW visit	Count of PPS episodes with at least one visit
MSW visits per occurrence	Sum of MSW visits for all PPS episodes	Count of PPS episodes with at least one MSW visit

## Other Resources

For more information or guidance in using this report, contact OCS Client Services at 866.641.8324, or refer to the information available in the e-Learning Network inside the Support tab in Connection. There you will find links to white papers, client success stories, and recorded training sessions.