

Table 10. Distribution of Part B therapy expenditures of patients exceeding \$1,200 PT and SLP or \$1,200 OT, 1998-2000.

Setting/Therapy/Year	Percentile ¹						Distribution ratio 75th/25th
	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th	95th	
Facility— Physical/speech therapy							
1998	\$1,308	\$1,522	\$2,045	\$3,097	\$4,834	\$6,410	2.04
1999	1,235	1,311	1,527	1,987	2,735	3,373	1.52
2000	1,275	1,411	1,734	2,365	3,347	4,198	1.68
Percent change, 1998-99	-5.6%	-13.8%	-25.4%	-35.8%	-43.4%	-47.4%	
Percent change, 1999-00	3.2%	7.6%	13.6%	19.0%	22.4%	24.5%	
Average annual change, 1998-00	-1.3%	-3.7%	-7.9%	-12.6%	-16.8%	-19.1%	
Facility— Occupational therapy							
1998	1,314	1,514	2,017	2,937	4,401	5,687	1.94
1999	1,230	1,305	1,516	1,935	2,545	3,116	1.48
2000	1,275	1,403	1,739	2,379	3,192	4,055	1.70
Percent change, 1998-99	-6.4%	-13.8%	-24.8%	-34.1%	-42.2%	-45.2%	
Percent change, 1999-00	3.7%	7.5%	14.7%	23.0%	25.4%	30.1%	
Average annual change, 1998-00	-1.5%	-3.7%	-7.2%	-10.0%	-14.8%	-15.6%	
Physician practice							
1998	1,291	1,480	1,898	3,005	5,148	7,839	2.03
1999	1,289	1,457	1,964	3,498	7,607	11,415	2.40
2000	1,308	1,516	2,124	3,835	7,718	11,996	2.53
Percent change, 1998-99	-0.2%	-1.6%	3.5%	16.4%	47.8%	45.6%	
Percent change, 1999-00	1.5%	4.1%	8.2%	9.6%	1.5%	5.1%	
Average annual change, 1998-00	0.7%	1.2%	5.8%	13.0%	22.4%	23.7%	
Independent practice							
1998	—	—	—	—	—	—	
1999	—	—	—	—	—	—	
2000	1,270	1,397	1,685	2,303	3,151	3,913	1.65

¹ Percentile refers to the distribution of total Medicare program payments (this excludes patients' 20 percent coinsurance) of those patients exceeding the thresholds.

Source: Urban Institute analysis of 5 percent annual samples of Medicare claims, 1998-2000.