

Table 6. Part B therapy per patient expenditures, by setting and type of therapy, 1998-2000

Setting	Per patient therapy expenditures ¹					Total number of patients ² (in thousands)
	Physical	SLP	Occupational	Physical and SLP	Total therapy	
All ³						
1998	\$624	\$706	\$821	\$685	\$709	3,047
1999	429	307	409	434	480	2,992
2000	555	398	553	563	642	3,135
Percent change, 1998-99	-31.3%	-56.5%	-50.2%	-36.6%	-32.3%	-1.8%
Percent change, 1999-00	29.4%	29.6%	35.2%	29.7%	33.8%	4.8%
Average annual change, 1998-00	-5.7%	-24.9%	-17.9%	-9.3%	-4.8%	1.4%
Hospital outpatient						
1998	268	185	238	267	287	973
1999	361	260	326	361	389	1,011
2000	404	278	359	402	432	1,049
Percent change, 1998-99	34.5%	40.5%	37.1%	35.2%	35.7%	3.9%
Percent change, 1999-00	12.0%	7.1%	10.0%	11.5%	11.1%	3.8%
Average annual change, 1998-00	22.7%	22.7%	22.8%	22.8%	22.8%	3.8%
SNF inpatient						
1998	933	743	944	1,007	1,299	341
1999	449	299	404	447	554	381
2000	694	402	573	679	838	395
Percent change, 1998-99	-51.9%	-59.8%	-57.2%	-55.6%	-57.4%	12.0%
Percent change, 1999-00	54.6%	34.4%	41.8%	51.9%	51.3%	3.6%
Average annual change, 1998-00	-13.8%	-26.4%	-22.1%	-17.9%	-19.7%	7.7%
SNF outpatient						
1998	973	851	1,017	1,067	1,350	185
1999	426	317	392	435	525	98
2000	630	402	569	629	769	112
Percent change, 1998-99	-56.2%	-62.7%	-61.5%	-59.2%	-61.1%	-46.7%
Percent change, 1999-00	47.9%	26.8%	45.2%	44.6%	46.5%	13.3%
Average annual change, 1998-00	-19.5%	-31.3%	-25.2%	-23.2%	-24.5%	-22.3%
Rehabilitation agency						
1998	805	979	1,000	845	962	401
1999	486	381	464	490	525	353
2000	669	604	689	676	728	358
Percent change, 1998-99	-39.6%	-61.1%	-53.6%	-42.0%	-45.4%	-12.0%
Percent change, 1999-00	37.7%	58.5%	48.5%	38.0%	38.7%	1.4%
Average annual change, 1998-00	-8.8%	-21.5%	-17.0%	-10.6%	-13.0%	-5.5%
CORF						
1998	1,343	1,307	1,424	1,408	1,642	70
1999	607	407	688	611	743	53
2000	936	739	1,065	950	1,199	54
Percent change, 1998-99	-54.8%	-68.9%	-51.7%	-56.6%	-54.8%	-24.8%
Percent change, 1999-00	54.2%	81.6%	54.8%	55.5%	61.4%	2.8%
Average annual change, 1998-00	-16.5%	-24.8%	-13.5%	-17.9%	-14.5%	-12.1%

¹ Expenditures represent Medicare program payments (this excludes patients' 20 percent coinsurance). Payments are averaged over each type of therapy patient (rather than over all therapy patients).

² Number of patients is a national estimate (the 5 percent sample data are multiplied by 20).

³ Payments by therapy type are not available for independent therapist practices, physician practices, and multiple sites.

Note: SNF is skilled nursing facility. CORF is comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility. SLP is speech/language pathology services.

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