



# Emergency Medicine

## 2016 Medicare Acuity

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### 2016 CMS Medicare Acuity %

	Specialty 93 - Emergency Physicians						Total
	99281	99282	99283	99284	99285	99291	
National	0.2%	1.3%	11.8%	24.0%	54.6%	8.1%	17,873,362
AK	0.2%	1.4%	15.3%	29.3%	48.0%	5.9%	36,438
AL	0.2%	1.0%	11.4%	26.0%	53.9%	7.4%	287,698
AR	0.2%	1.7%	13.8%	26.8%	51.9%	5.6%	204,090
AZ	0.1%	1.0%	10.2%	22.7%	57.7%	8.3%	319,634
CA - N	0.3%	1.2%	12.5%	22.6%	55.5%	8.0%	868,925
CA - S	0.2%	0.7%	10.0%	20.2%	57.4%	11.4%	660,404
CO	0.2%	1.8%	12.6%	21.7%	56.4%	7.3%	237,137
CT	0.1%	1.0%	11.3%	25.4%	52.3%	9.9%	242,509
DC	0.1%	1.0%	11.2%	23.1%	54.2%	10.6%	213,225
DE	0.1%	0.5%	8.3%	20.3%	62.6%	8.3%	73,686
FL	0.2%	0.9%	8.9%	18.0%	62.4%	9.5%	1,228,597
GA	0.2%	1.0%	9.0%	21.1%	59.2%	9.5%	492,137
HI/GU	0.3%	1.7%	13.1%	24.6%	48.9%	11.4%	59,892
IA	0.2%	1.9%	14.0%	26.9%	50.5%	6.5%	139,722
ID	0.1%	2.8%	10.6%	30.9%	48.7%	6.9%	71,306
IL	0.2%	1.4%	11.8%	24.2%	54.9%	7.6%	792,322
IN	0.2%	1.4%	13.2%	25.7%	52.8%	6.6%	486,189
KS	0.3%	1.8%	13.0%	25.5%	52.4%	7.1%	136,393
KY	0.2%	1.2%	12.5%	26.9%	52.6%	6.7%	335,435
LA	0.2%	1.0%	14.0%	23.3%	53.5%	7.9%	303,386
MA	0.1%	1.9%	12.4%	31.2%	46.1%	8.3%	548,590
MD	0.1%	0.8%	9.1%	21.2%	59.6%	9.2%	301,227
ME	0.3%	5.3%	23.9%	41.3%	24.7%	4.5%	90,397
MI	0.2%	1.3%	12.3%	23.7%	54.8%	7.8%	743,562
MN	0.1%	3.0%	14.6%	32.0%	44.0%	6.4%	180,384
MO	0.2%	1.9%	12.4%	23.8%	53.8%	7.9%	367,897
MS	0.2%	1.6%	14.3%	25.5%	50.2%	8.3%	255,919
MT	0.2%	2.2%	21.1%	32.7%	39.6%	4.3%	52,719
NC	0.1%	0.8%	9.9%	24.2%	56.1%	8.9%	675,987
ND	0.1%	2.2%	14.5%	37.6%	41.7%	3.9%	31,698
NE	0.1%	2.1%	17.7%	32.3%	42.2%	5.6%	79,046
NH	1.1%	2.6%	16.1%	31.7%	42.2%	6.4%	83,777
NJ	0.2%	0.6%	9.8%	19.4%	60.0%	10.1%	576,397
NM	0.2%	1.4%	13.1%	25.6%	52.7%	7.0%	98,612
NV	0.2%	0.6%	8.7%	16.9%	62.6%	11.0%	150,623
NY - Downstate	0.3%	1.2%	11.9%	24.9%	53.0%	8.7%	532,871
NY - Queens	0.4%	1.4%	13.9%	33.5%	44.6%	6.3%	39,958
NY - Upstate	0.2%	2.0%	12.1%	26.5%	52.4%	6.7%	253,666
OH	0.1%	1.0%	11.8%	24.8%	55.1%	7.1%	781,265
OK	0.7%	2.0%	17.4%	24.1%	49.6%	6.3%	271,426
OR	0.1%	1.8%	16.3%	29.6%	46.5%	5.6%	169,383
PA	0.2%	1.2%	12.3%	26.8%	52.2%	7.3%	720,127
PR	0.8%	3.9%	51.2%	38.2%	4.8%	1.1%	9,497
RI	0.2%	0.5%	12.6%	29.6%	51.1%	6.0%	71,912
RRMCA	0.2%	1.1%	10.0%	23.5%	56.6%	8.6%	143,747
SC	0.2%	1.5%	12.5%	28.9%	50.9%	6.0%	358,771
SD	0.5%	4.5%	22.0%	35.9%	31.8%	5.3%	36,930
TN	0.1%	0.7%	10.4%	21.3%	59.7%	7.7%	377,256
TX	0.3%	1.1%	11.8%	20.9%	57.4%	8.6%	1,255,511
UT	0.2%	1.5%	13.7%	25.5%	52.5%	6.7%	98,317
VA	0.1%	1.1%	9.9%	23.1%	58.4%	7.4%	497,324
VI	2.1%	17.2%	50.6%	19.6%	10.3%	0.3%	3,538
VT	0.2%	4.2%	14.3%	35.1%	42.0%	4.1%	40,400
WA	0.2%	1.3%	12.1%	25.9%	52.1%	8.4%	360,195
WI	0.1%	2.3%	11.9%	26.9%	50.9%	8.0%	270,846
WV	0.3%	1.4%	11.9%	24.4%	55.4%	6.6%	128,106
WY	0.4%	5.1%	14.6%	31.3%	41.5%	7.0%	26,355

2016 CMS Medicare Acuity %

	Specialty 50 - Nurse Practitioners						Total
	99281	99282	99283	99284	99285	99291	
National	0.8%	2.7%	26.6%	30.2%	29.6%	10.0%	1,122,921
AK	0.0%	0.0%	29.4%	45.1%	25.5%	0.0%	51
AL	0.6%	1.6%	22.1%	34.6%	35.6%	5.6%	38,303
AR	0.9%	4.3%	43.5%	29.5%	20.6%	1.2%	8,545
AZ	0.7%	3.3%	27.0%	28.0%	34.4%	6.6%	12,345
CA - N	1.3%	1.8%	39.2%	28.9%	22.6%	6.2%	30,159
CA - S	1.0%	1.9%	35.4%	30.1%	20.8%	10.8%	16,185
CO	0.3%	6.7%	23.4%	25.5%	30.9%	13.2%	5,072
CT	3.1%	2.9%	23.2%	22.5%	18.9%	29.5%	7,502
DC	0.6%	1.8%	33.3%	27.2%	22.7%	14.4%	4,037
DE	0.8%	2.6%	37.3%	28.8%	26.3%	4.2%	2,052
FL	1.0%	1.8%	22.5%	26.2%	40.9%	7.6%	89,844
GA	0.8%	1.7%	21.1%	30.9%	26.5%	19.0%	62,503
HV/GU	0.1%	4.8%	48.5%	23.1%	2.1%	21.5%	924
IA	0.5%	3.5%	23.1%	36.1%	34.5%	2.2%	11,639
ID	0.5%	5.5%	18.6%	44.8%	30.0%	0.5%	1,860
IL	0.6%	2.9%	32.2%	40.8%	26.2%	7.3%	32,068
IN	0.6%	2.3%	32.0%	32.4%	30.3%	2.3%	31,204
KS	0.7%	6.9%	32.4%	26.8%	24.2%	9.0%	24,521
KY	0.4%	2.4%	22.2%	35.4%	33.9%	5.7%	34,569
LA	0.6%	1.8%	35.2%	35.6%	22.6%	4.2%	33,455
MA	0.3%	4.2%	27.9%	34.2%	19.5%	13.9%	25,028
MD	0.8%	1.5%	20.7%	25.3%	36.0%	15.7%	18,437
ME	1.1%	9.8%	35.0%	39.1%	14.7%	0.4%	4,380
MI	0.5%	2.5%	24.2%	32.6%	28.5%	11.8%	20,701
MN	0.9%	7.6%	26.1%	32.4%	20.4%	12.6%	6,960
MO	0.5%	2.9%	29.7%	27.8%	28.3%	10.7%	45,167
MS	0.7%	2.2%	28.2%	34.7%	29.0%	5.1%	46,454
MT	3.3%	14.6%	30.1%	20.9%	6.5%	24.6%	2,032
NC	0.6%	1.6%	23.5%	29.1%	27.0%	18.2%	39,004
ND	0.7%	6.3%	24.8%	52.3%	5.1%	10.8%	2,368
NE	0.1%	6.0%	28.9%	41.2%	18.6%	5.1%	5,721
NH	0.4%	4.0%	22.3%	29.9%	28.1%	15.2%	7,422
NJ	1.5%	2.4%	32.4%	32.7%	26.3%	4.7%	27,397
NM	0.8%	3.2%	27.7%	33.2%	23.6%	11.4%	9,622
NV	1.4%	0.9%	22.5%	25.4%	31.4%	18.4%	5,949
NY - Downstate	1.6%	2.5%	20.6%	25.1%	28.3%	21.9%	12,387
NY - Queens	0.3%	2.8%	17.1%	44.4%	34.9%	0.5%	748
NY - Upstate	1.0%	4.3%	21.7%	30.4%	30.3%	12.3%	27,680
OH	0.4%	1.9%	27.3%	30.5%	28.9%	11.0%	40,430
OK	0.8%	3.6%	32.1%	28.6%	25.5%	9.5%	20,916
OR	0.4%	9.5%	40.5%	22.4%	13.3%	14.0%	6,940
PA	0.5%	2.4%	23.9%	29.9%	28.1%	15.3%	31,920
PR	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
RI	0.6%	1.6%	29.2%	33.9%	32.7%	2.1%	3,999
RRMCA	0.7%	2.3%	21.6%	29.5%	35.0%	10.9%	8,094
SC	1.0%	2.2%	30.5%	33.1%	28.2%	5.1%	16,711
SD	0.9%	4.8%	33.3%	36.2%	10.9%	14.0%	1,722
TN	0.6%	1.7%	23.8%	28.1%	31.6%	14.2%	54,322
TX	1.0%	3.1%	23.9%	27.7%	34.7%	9.6%	121,132
UT	1.0%	4.4%	31.9%	32.5%	16.1%	14.0%	2,406
VA	0.7%	2.3%	24.4%	33.2%	32.5%	7.0%	21,983
VI	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
VT	0.5%	14.0%	47.5%	31.0%	5.8%	1.2%	1,055
WA	0.5%	2.5%	32.7%	32.0%	18.2%	14.1%	10,830
WI	0.1%	3.5%	18.6%	31.0%	31.8%	14.9%	10,111
WV	1.0%	3.3%	29.6%	28.7%	35.2%	2.2%	12,635
WY	1.1%	2.6%	28.5%	24.4%	42.2%	1.3%	3,420

2016 CMS Medicare Acuity %

	Specialty 97 - Physician Assistants						Total
	99281	99282	99283	99284	99285	99291	
National	0.7%	2.6%	28.0%	32.0%	32.9%	3.7%	2,098,445
AK	0.1%	1.8%	34.3%	40.6%	23.0%	0.3%	1,489
AL	0.4%	2.0%	19.1%	42.9%	33.4%	2.3%	17,871
AR	0.4%	1.7%	31.0%	33.5%	32.7%	0.7%	4,938
AZ	0.6%	1.7%	26.9%	30.3%	38.2%	2.4%	38,884
CA - N	0.9%	1.8%	39.1%	28.7%	27.1%	2.3%	123,196
CA - S	1.1%	1.7%	32.4%	30.1%	32.9%	1.9%	54,300
CO	0.5%	4.4%	32.5%	27.7%	32.3%	2.6%	24,700
CT	0.6%	3.1%	31.9%	34.4%	24.3%	5.7%	40,837
DC	0.7%	2.2%	38.9%	31.8%	22.2%	4.3%	26,746
DE	0.3%	2.1%	27.2%	34.6%	34.3%	1.5%	19,505
FL	1.0%	2.0%	23.9%	26.9%	43.0%	3.2%	171,801
GA	0.6%	1.7%	24.8%	30.4%	29.4%	13.0%	86,627
HV/GU	1.5%	7.5%	38.7%	25.5%	25.5%	1.4%	2,343
IA	0.1%	1.4%	24.6%	38.3%	34.3%	1.3%	23,687
ID	0.8%	3.9%	33.0%	35.2%	26.5%	0.7%	7,517
IL	0.6%	2.2%	31.1%	32.2%	31.2%	2.7%	41,808
IN	0.5%	2.0%	27.0%	33.7%	35.4%	1.4%	45,491
KS	0.6%	4.0%	36.4%	30.3%	27.5%	1.3%	18,553
KY	0.3%	1.3%	17.8%	31.7%	47.2%	1.6%	47,197
LA	0.3%	1.2%	30.6%	36.0%	29.2%	2.6%	17,602
MA	0.3%	5.2%	27.9%	38.3%	21.0%	7.3%	64,943
MD	0.7%	2.2%	25.2%	28.2%	36.0%	7.8%	68,409
ME	0.5%	8.6%	31.6%	43.9%	13.7%	1.7%	17,155
MI	0.6%	2.7%	27.2%	32.4%	29.5%	7.6%	69,738
MN	0.2%	5.7%	27.1%	37.1%	27.4%	2.5%	20,239
MO	0.7%	2.0%	29.3%	30.1%	33.9%	4.1%	24,459
MS	0.6%	1.2%	26.2%	37.3%	33.8%	0.9%	6,352
MT	1.8%	5.5%	30.9%	29.5%	31.0%	1.2%	3,907
NC	0.5%	1.6%	25.7%	33.9%	34.8%	3.4%	137,687
ND	0.4%	6.2%	36.5%	42.0%	14.0%	0.9%	1,698
NE	0.2%	4.1%	35.0%	31.9%	27.3%	1.5%	16,729
NH	0.4%	2.2%	17.7%	32.2%	42.5%	5.0%	20,983
NJ	1.7%	1.7%	29.6%	32.1%	33.1%	2.0%	64,300
NM	1.0%	2.8%	24.5%	28.9%	40.8%	2.0%	12,746
NV	1.3%	1.7%	29.0%	31.8%	32.5%	3.6%	10,165
NY - Downstate	1.2%	3.6%	27.7%	28.0%	32.3%	7.2%	61,118
NY - Queens	1.8%	4.5%	30.8%	31.8%	28.5%	2.5%	4,477
NY - Upstate	1.2%	5.5%	28.3%	32.6%	29.8%	2.6%	74,362
OH	0.3%	1.7%	31.0%	34.4%	30.9%	1.7%	75,628
OK	2.8%	4.1%	26.6%	31.1%	33.9%	1.6%	23,393
OR	0.5%	3.3%	39.0%	30.3%	17.2%	9.8%	11,552
PA	0.5%	1.7%	25.3%	33.2%	36.1%	3.1%	105,968
PR	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
RI	0.9%	2.4%	32.3%	34.2%	29.4%	0.7%	9,865
RRMCA	0.8%	2.2%	22.6%	31.4%	38.5%	4.5%	13,499
SC	0.9%	2.3%	27.6%	38.3%	29.2%	1.8%	40,092
SD	0.5%	8.7%	39.6%	40.0%	10.7%	0.6%	2,107
TN	0.5%	1.4%	25.3%	33.1%	36.5%	3.1%	50,295
TX	1.0%	4.2%	29.2%	28.0%	34.0%	3.7%	90,066
UT	1.0%	3.3%	31.0%	36.0%	25.8%	2.9%	5,174
VA	0.7%	2.3%	26.0%	34.8%	33.9%	2.4%	63,138
VI	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4
VT	0.5%	6.9%	36.0%	41.2%	15.2%	0.2%	4,645
WA	0.8%	3.7%	33.1%	31.8%	28.5%	2.1%	37,927
WI	0.2%	3.2%	23.8%	36.1%	34.5%	2.1%	43,859
WV	0.9%	1.6%	22.3%	31.3%	42.5%	1.4%	25,737
WY	0.4%	1.7%	20.2%	26.7%	47.3%	3.7%	937

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