

Medicare Claims

Table C.1b. Total number of Medicare Encounter service records and chart reviews* by setting, 2015–2018

Medicare claim setting	2015 total records	2015 percent of records	2016 total records	2016 percent of records	2017 total records	2017 percent of records	2018 total records	2018 percent of records
Inpatient (IP) — total	6,109,978	—	5,719,561	—	6,797,374	—	7,808,157	—
IP Encounter service records	4,220,028	69.1%	4,279,057	74.8%	4,734,194	69.6%	5,099,202	65.3%
IP chart review records	1,889,950	30.9%	1,440,504	25.2%	2,063,180	30.4%	2,708,955	34.7%
Skilled nursing facility (SNF) — total	1,720,455	—	1,598,527	—	1,749,668	—	1,860,065	—
SNF Encounter service records	1,522,048	88.5%	1,458,020	91.2%	1,620,808	92.6%	1,744,157	93.8%
SNF chart review records	198,407	11.5%	140,507	8.8%	128,860	7.4%	115,908	6.2%
Home health (HH) — total	4,978,136	—	5,726,715	—	6,653,437	—	7,612,460	—
HH Encounter service records	4,935,990	99.2%	5,694,748	99.4%	6,601,036	99.2%	7,530,250	98.9%
HH chart review records	42,146	0.8%	31,967	0.6%	52,401	0.8%	82,210	1.1%
Hospital outpatient (OP) — total	61,531,800	—	65,250,857	—	72,729,528	—	81,942,629	—
OP Encounter service records	60,259,107	97.9%	64,512,452	98.9%	71,068,969	97.7%	78,886,568	96.3%
OP chart review records	1,272,693	2.1%	738,405	1.1%	1,660,559	2.3%	3,056,061	3.7%
Carrier/Provider — total	476,712,705	—	510,543,066	—	583,843,593	—	667,649,892	—
Provider Encounter service records	430,588,169	90.3%	458,753,873	89.9%	507,017,124	86.8%	564,350,620	84.5%
Provider chart review records	46,124,536	9.7%	51,789,193	10.1%	76,826,469	13.2%	103,299,272	15.5%
Durable medical equipment (DME) — total	22,677,819	—	23,433,920	—	26,365,776	—	28,305,349	—
DME Encounter service records	22,300,899	98.3%	23,108,266	98.6%	26,179,976	99.3%	28,287,617	99.9%
DME chart review records	376,920	1.7%	325,654	1.4%	185,800	0.7%	17,732	0.1%

* Includes all (final action) Medicare encounter records and chart reviews, regardless of enrollment status.