

E&M Coding

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Elements of Medical Decision Making

Documentation Must Support 2/3 Elements

Element 1 Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed	Element 2 Amount and/or Complexity Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed	Element 3 Risk of Complication and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management.	Level of MDM
<p>1 or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment; or 1 acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or bodily function</p>	<p>Extensive (Must meet the requirements of at least 2 out of 3 categories) <u>Category 1</u>: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s) or Any combination of 3 from the following: (1) Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source; (2) Review of the result(s) of each unique test; (3) Ordering of each unique test; (4) Assessment requiring an independent historian(s) or <u>Category 2</u>: Independent interpretation of tests- Independent interpretation of a test performed by another physician or other qualified health care professional (not separately reported) or <u>Category 3</u>: Discussion of management or test interpretation: Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other qualified health care professional/appropriate source (not separately reported)</p>	<p>High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment Examples only: -Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity -Decision regarding elective major surgery with identified patient procedure risk factors -Decision regarding emergency major surgery -Decision regarding hospitalization -Decision not to resuscitate or to deescalate care because of poor prognosis</p>	<p>HIGH 99205 New Patient 99215 Established Patient</p>

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<p>1 or more chronic illnesses with exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment; or 2 or more stable chronic illnesses; or 1 undiagnosed new problem with uncertain prognosis; or 1 acute illness with systemic symptoms or 1 acute complicated injury</p>	<p>Moderate <i>(Must meet the requirements of at least 1 out of 3 categories)</i> Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s) or Any combination of 3 from the following: (1) Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source; (2) Review of the result(s) of each unique test; (3) Ordering of each unique test; (4) Assessment requiring an independent historian(s) or Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests Independent interpretation of a test performed by another physician/other/qualified health care professional (not separately reported); or Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other qualified health care professional\appropriate source (not separately reported)</p>	<p>Moderate Risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment Examples only: -Prescription drug management -Decision regarding minor surgery with identified patient or procedure risk factors -Decision regarding elective major surgery without identified patient or procedure risk factors -Diagnosis or treatment significantly limited by social determinants of health</p>	<p>MODERATE 99204 New Patient 99214 Established Patient</p>

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2 or more self-limiting minor problem or 1 stable chronic illness (well-controlled HTN) or Acute uncomplicated illness or injury (cystitis, allergic rhinitis)	Limited (Must meet the requirements of at least 1 of the 2 categories) <u>Category 1:</u> Tests, documents, or independent historian(s) or Any combination of 2 from the following: (1) Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source; (2) Review of the result(s) of each unique test; (3) Ordering of each unique test; or <u>Category 2:</u> Assessment requiring an independent historian(s) (For the categories of independent interpretation of tests and discussion of management or test interpretation, see moderate or high)	Low risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment	LOW 99203 New Patient 99213 Established Patient
1 self-limiting or minor problem (cold, tinea corporis)	Minimal or None.	Minimal risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment	STRAIGHT-FORWARD 99202 New Patient 99212 Established Patient

Coding by Time

New Patient Code	Total Time (minutes)
99202	15-29
99203	30-44
99204	45-59
99205	60-74
Established Pt Code	Total Time (minutes)
99212	10-19
99213	20-29
99214	30-39
99215	40-54

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