

CPT E/M - Office and Other Outpatient - Effective DOS January 1, 2021

Code	Time	Level of MDM (2 of 3)	Elements of Medical Decision Making (MDM)		
			Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed (Choose 1)	Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed	Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management
99211		N/A			
99202	15-29 min	Straightforward	Minimal	Minimal or none	Minimal risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
99212	10-19 min		1 self-limited or minor problem		Rest, Gargles, Elastic bandages, Superficial dressings
99203	30-44 min	Low	Low	Limited (1 of 2 categories)	Low risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
99213	20-29 min		2 or more self-limited or minor problems; 1 stable chronic illness; 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury	Category 1: Tests and Documents (Any 2 of the 3): Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source; Review of the result(s) of each unique test; Ordering of each unique test Category 2: Assessment requiring an independent historian	OTC drugs, Minor surgery with no identified risk factors, PT, OT, IV fluids without additives
99204	45-59 min	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate (1 of 3 categories)	Moderate risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
99214	30-39 min		1 or more chronic illness with exacerbation, progression, or side effects or treatments; 2 or more stable chronic illnesses; 1 undiagnosed new problem with uncertain prognosis; 1 acute illness with systemic symptoms; 1 acute complicated injury	Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s) (Any 3 unique items of the 4 options below, with each unique source/test counting as 1 item.) 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) Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other health care professional	Examples: Prescription drug management; Decision regarding minor surgery w/ identified patient or procedure risk factors; Decision regarding elective major surgery w/o identified patient or procedure risk factors; Diagnosis or treatment significantly limited by social determinants of health
99205	60-74 min	High	High	Extensive (2 of 3 categories)	High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
99215	40-54 min		1 or more chronic illness with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects or treatments; 1 acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or bodily function	Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s) (Any 3 unique items of the 4 options below, with each unique source/test counting as 1 item.) Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source; Review of the result(s) of each unique test; Ordering of each unique test; Assessment requiring an independent historian(s) Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other health care professional	Examples: Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity; Decision regarding elective major surgery w/ identified patient or procedure risk factors; Decision regarding emergency major surgery; Decision regarding hospitalization; Decision not to resuscitate or to de-escalate care because of poor prognosis