

1997 Guidelines for Evaluation and Management Services			
CODES	HISTORY	EXAM	MDM 2of3 compon_
NEW PATIENT VISITS - REQUIRES 3 KEY COMPONENTS			
99201 Problem Focused (10 min)	CC; HPI (1-3 HPI elements)	1-5 body areas/organ systems (1-5 B-elements in total)	Straightforward
99202 Exp Problem Focused (20 min)	CC; HPI (1-3 HPI elements) & ROS (1 system)	1-5 body areas/organ systems (≥6 B-elements in total)	Straightforward
99203 Detailed (30 min)	CC; HPI (≥4 HPI elements); ROS (2-9 systems); PFSH (1 of 3)	≥6 body areas/organ systems (≥2 B-elements per area) or ≥ 2 body areas/organ systems (≥ 12 B-elements in total)	Low
99204 Comprehensive (45 min)	CC; HPI (≥4 HPI elements); ROS (≥10 systems); PFSH (3 of 3)	≥9 body areas/organ systems (≥2 B-elements per area)	Moderate
99205 Comprehensive (60 min)	CC; HPI (≥4 HPI elements); ROS (≥10 systems); PFSH (3 of 3)	≥9 body areas/organ systems (≥2 B-elements per area)	High
ESTABLISHED PATIENT VISITS - REQUIRES 2 KEY COMPONENTS			
99211 Minimal (5 min)	N/A	N/A Presence of a Physician not required	N/A
99212 Problem Focused (10 min)	CC; HPI (1-3 HPI elements)	1-5 body areas/organ systems (1-5 B-elements in total)	Straightforward
99213 Exp problem Focused (15 min)	CC; HPI (1-3 HPI elements) & ROS (1 system)	1-5 body areas/organ systems (≥6 B-elements in total)	Low
99214 Detailed (25 min)	CC; HPI (≥4 HPI elements); ROS (2-9 systems); PFSH (1 of 3)	≥6 body areas/organ systems (≥2 B-elements per area) or ≥ 2 body areas/organ systems (≥ 12 B-elements in total)	Moderate
99215 Comprehensive (40 min)	CC; HPI (≥4 HPI elements); ROS (≥10 systems); PFSH (3 of 3)	≥9 body areas/organ systems (≥2 B-elements per area)	High
CONSULTS - NEW OR ESTABLISHED PATIENT - REQUIRES 3 KEY COMPONENTS			
99241 Problem Focused (15 min)	CC; HPI (1-3 HPI elements)	1-5 body areas/organ systems (1-5 B-elements in total)	Straightforward
99242 Exp Problem Focused (30 min)	CC; HPI (1-3 HPI elements) & ROS (1 system)	1-5 body areas/organ systems (≥6 B-elements in total)	Straightforward
99243 Detailed (40 min)	CC; HPI (≥4 HPI elements); ROS (2-9 systems); PFSH (1 of 3)	≥6 body areas/organ systems (≥2 B-elements per area) or ≥ 2 body areas/organ systems (≥ 12 B-elements in total)	Low
99244 Comprehensive (60 min)	CC; HPI (≥4 HPI elements); ROS (≥10 systems); PFSH - 2 Est, 3 N	≥9 body areas/organ systems (≥2 B-elements per area)	Moderate
99245 Complex (80 min)	CC; HPI (≥4 HPI elements); ROS (≥10 systems); PFSH - 2 Est, 3 N	≥9 body areas/organ systems (≥2 B-elements per area)	High

Body Areas/Organ Systems = see Physical Exam Elements 1-14

B-elements = items listed under each Body Area/Organ System.

HPI-elements = 8 elements = 1.location, 2.quality, 3.severity, 4.duration, 5.timing, 6.context (event related), 7.modifying factors (better or worse), 8.associated signs and symptoms

Key components = history, exam, medical decision making

CC = chief complaint

HPI = history of present illness (8 elements = location, quality, severity, duration, timing, context, modifying factors (better or worse), associated signs and symptoms)

ROS = review of systems

PFSH = past history, family history, social history

MDM = medical decision making (3-components: 1)number of diagnoses or management options; 2)amount/complexity of data to be reviewed; 3) risk of complications, morbidity, mortality

Refer to the MDM Point System for evaluation of these components. Note that the highest level of risk in any one category determines overall risk.

Visits where time is the controlling factor:

1. counseling and/or coordination of care must take more than 50% of face to face time in the office
2. total length of visit should be recorded
3. nature of counselling and/or coordination of care should be recorded

Acronyms:

NAD - no apparent distress
WNL - within normal limits
TM - tympanic membrane
AV - arterio-venous
ENT = ear, nose, throat

PMI - point maximal impact
ICS - intercostal space
MCL - midclavicular line
RRR- regular rate and rhythm
Exp = Expanded

Est = Established
DRE - digital rectal exam
ROM - range of motion
DTR - deep tendon reflex
PERRLA - pupils equal, round, reactive to light & accommodation
Ext = Extensive