

Chief Complaint is absolutely necessary for every note. Without it, it's an unbillable note.

HISTORY CRITERIA 3 out of 3 need to be met

Hx of Present Illness:		Review of Systems:		Past Family & Social Hx:	
Location		Constitutional		Musculoskeletal	Past
Quality		Eyes		Skin	Family
Severity		Ears/Nose/Mouth/Throat		Neurological	Social
Timing		Cardiovascular		Psychiatric	
Duration		Respiratory		Endocrine	
Context		Gastrointestinal		Hematologic/Lymphatic	
Mod. Factor		Genitourinary		Allergic/Immunologic	
Sign/Sympt.				All Else Negative	

(For ROS list all positive and pertinent negative responses)

Status of at least 3 chronic or inactive conditions qualifies for extended HPI per CMS FAQ effective 09/10/2013. The HPI elements can be obtained from multiple problems but each element only counts once toward the total.

	Problem Focused - 99212/99202	Exp. Problem Focused - 99213/99203	Detailed - 99214/99204	Comprehensive - 99215/99205
HPI	1-3 elements-brief	1-3 elements-brief	4+ elements-extended	4+ elements-extended
ROS	No ROS needed	1 ROS needed	2-9 ROS	10+ ROS
PFSH	No PFS History Needed	No PFS History Needed	1 relevant review PFS	2 rel. reviews PFS est. pt., ER 3 rel. rev. PFS new pt., consult

EXAM CRITERIA list all positive and pertinent negative findings

Body Areas (BA):		Organ Systems (OS):	
Head, Face		Constitutional	
Neck		Eyes	
Chest, Breast, Axillae		Ears/Nose/Mouth/Throat	
Abdomen		Cardiovascular	
Genitalia, Groin, Buttocks		Respiratory	
Back, Spine		Gastrointestinal	
Each Extremity		Genitourinary	
		Musculoskeletal	
		Skin	
		Neurologic	
		Psychiatric	
		Hem/Lymph/Imm	

Single System Comp. Exam:
Organ System

	Problem Focused	Expanded Problem Focused	Detailed	Comprehensive
1995 Guidelines	Limited exam of the affected BA/OS	Limited exam of the affected and other symptomatic or related *see 4X4 rule below	Extended exam of affected and other symptomatic or related *see 4X4 rule below	General multi system (8+) exam or complete exam of a single organ system
	1 BA/OS	2-4 BA/OS	5-7 BA/OS	8+ OS

* Consider 4X4 rule: 4 BA or OS each with 4 elements (Reference Link). BA = Body Area; OS=Organ System.

MEDICAL DECISION MAKING 2 out of 3 need to be met

	Straightforward (99212/99202)	Low Complexity (99213/99203)	Moderate Complexity (99214/99204)	High Complexity (99215/99205)
A. # of DX	Minimal (0-1)	Low (2)	Moderate (3)	High (4+)
B. Data Reviewed	Minimal (0-1)	Low (2)	Moderate (3)	High (4+)
C.*RISK	Minimal	Low	Moderate	High

*see TABLE OF RISK of Complications, Morbidity or Mortality Highest level determines overall risk (see row C). The new visit codes 99202-99205

Diagnoses/Management Options (see row A)	Amount Complexity of Data (see row B)	
Self limited/minor (2 max)	x1	Lab test (ordered or reviewed) 1
Established Prob Stable/Improving	x1	X-ray (ordered or reviewed) 1
Established Prob Worsening	x2	Medical Procedure (ordered or reviewed) 1
New Prob no workup (3 max)	x3	Discuss Test results w/performing MD 1
New Prob additional workup	x4	Obtain old M/R /hx from other source 1
		Review/summarize old medical records 2
		Independent visualization 2
		Total

Established prob worsening e.g. when you have to make med changes etc. Self limited/minor = e.g cold, insect bite, tinea corporis.

Discuss test results w/ performing MD = You have to do it on phone/face-to-face, and you have to document it. Happens often in hospital setting