

Evaluation and Management Coding Guide

Medical record quality and accurate EM code selection are physician responsibility. Coding tools, including EMR EM calculators, cannot assess appropriate level nor quality of documentation.

All EM services should include: Reason for Encounter, Assessment, Care Plan, and Signature/Date

NEW PATIENT OFFICE VISITS, OUTPATIENT & INPATIENT CONSULTS* - 3 OF 3 KEY COMPONENTS **

CODE	99201 - 10 min	99202 - 20 min	99203 - 30 min	99204 - 45 min	99205 - 60 min
	99241 - 15 min	99242 - 30 min	99243 - 40 min	99244 - 60 min	99245 - 80 min
	99251 - 20 min	99252 - 40 min	99253 - 55 min	99254 - 80 min	99255 - 110 min
HISTORY (3 of 3)	Focused	Expanded	Detailed	Comprehensive	Comprehensive
HPI	1 - 3	1 - 3	4+ or 3 chronic	4+ or 3 chronic	4+ or 3 chronic
ROS	None	1	2-9	10+	10+
PFSH	None	None	1	All 3	All 3
EXAM	Focused (1)	Expanded (2 - 7)	Detailed (2 - 7)	Comp (8+)	Comp (8+)
MDM (2 of 3)	Straightforward	Straightforward	Low	Moderate	High
Dxs/options	0 - 1	0 - 1	2	3	4+
Data	0 - 1	0 - 1	2	3	4+
Risk	Minimal	Minimal	Low	Moderate	High

*Consults – Document requesting physician & send a report to the requestor. Do not report consult codes to Medicare.

ESTABLISHED PATIENT OFFICE VISITS – 2 OF 3 KEY COMPONENTS**

CODE	99211 - 5 min	99212 - 10 min	99213 - 15 min	99214 - 25 min	99215 - 40 min
HISTORY (3 of 3)	None	Focused	Expanded	Detailed	Comprehensive
HPI	None	1 - 3	1 - 3	4+ or 3 chronic	4+ or 3 chronic
ROS	None	None	1	2 - 9	10+
PFSH	None	None	None	1	2 of 3
EXAM	None	Focused (1)	Expanded (2 - 7)	Detailed (2 - 7)	Comp (8+)
MDM (2 of 3)	Straightforward	Straightforward	Low	Moderate	High
Dxs/options	1	0 - 1	2	3	4+
Data	None	0 - 1	2	3	4+
Risk	None	Minimal	Low	Moderate	High

Use time ONLY if over 50% of encounter is counseling and/or coordination care.

**Key components = History (HX), Exam, and Medical Decision-making (MDM)