

Level 2 and 3 Medical Decision Making

| Code | Level of MDM (Based on 2 out of 3 Elements of MDM) | Elements of Medical Decision Making | | |
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| | | Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed | Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed <i>*Each unique test, order, or document contributes to the combination of 2 or combination of 3 in Category 1 below.</i> | Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management |
| 99211 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 99202 99212 | Straightforward | Minimal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 self-limited or minor problem | Minimal or none | Minimal risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment |
| 99203 99213 | Low | Low <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 or more self-limited or minor problems; or • 1 stable chronic illness; or • 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury | Limited <i>(Must meet the requirements of at least 1 of the 2 categories)</i> Category 1: Tests and documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any combination of 2 from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source*; • review of the result(s) of each unique test*; • ordering of each unique test* or Category 2: Assessment requiring an independent historian(s) <i>(For the categories of independent interpretation of tests and discussion of management or test interpretation, see moderate or high)</i> | Low risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment |

Level 4 and 5 Medical Decision Making

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| | | Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed | Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed <i>*Each unique test, order, or document contributes to the combination of 2 or combination of 3 in Category 1 below.</i> | Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management |
| 99204 99214 | Moderate | <p>Moderate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>Moderate <i>(Must meet the requirements of at least 1 out of 3 categories)</i></p> <p>Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any combination of 3 from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) or • Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other qualified health care professional/appropriate source (not separately reported) | <p>Moderate risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment</p> <p><i>Examples only:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 |
| 99205 99215 | High | <p>High</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>Extensive <i>(Must meet the requirements of at least 2 out of 3 categories)</i></p> <p>Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any combination of 3 from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) or • Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other qualified health care professional/appropriate source (not separately reported) | <p>High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment</p> <p><i>Examples only:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity • Decision regarding elective major surgery with 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 |