

## LEVEL OF SERVICE BASED ON TIME

### Use *Physician* TIME to Determine the Level of Service Including:

- Preparation for the visit, for example, review outside records and test results. *“Outside” or “external” records are from a physician or QHP who is not in the same group practice or is in a different specialty.*
- Obtain or review “separately” obtained patient history.
- Perform a medically necessary examination and/or evaluation.
- Counsel and educate the patient, a family member or a caregiver, order tests, prescriptions or additional services.
- Refer or communicate with other healthcare professionals.
- Enter clinical information in the patient’s medical record.
- Interpret and share test results with the patient.
- Coordinate patient care.
- Only time spent on the day of the encounter counts toward “time”.
- Qualified health professional’s (QHP) time counts - not nurse or MA time. However, time spent reviewing nurse, MA or scribe documentation **does** count.
- Review of all captured illnesses and problems, including chronic conditions and/or medication that affect treatment.

## TIME-BASED NEW PATIENT LEVEL OF SERVICE

E/M	MDM	TIME	Prolonged Svc	Prolonged Svc Time
99202	Straightforward	15-29 minutes		
99203	Low	30-44 minutes		
99204	Moderate	45-59 minutes		
99205	High	60-74 minutes		
99205	<b>PROLONGED SERVICE</b>		99417	75-89 minutes
99205			99417 X 2	90-104 minutes
99205			99417 X 3	105 or more minutes
99205	<b>MEDICARE</b>		*G2212	Each additional 15 minutes after 74 minutes

*\*With or without direct patient contact. Do not report G2212 for any time unit less than 15 minutes.*

## TIME-BASED *ESTABLISHED* PATIENT LEVEL OF SERVICE MORE CPT BOOK WORDS

E/M	MDM	TIME	Prolonged Svc	Prolonged Svc Time
99212	Straightforward	10-19 minutes		
99213	Low	20-29 minutes		
99214	Moderate	39-39 minutes		
99215	High	40-54 minutes		
99215	<b>PROLONGED SERVICE</b>		99417	55-69 minutes
99215			99417 X 2	70-84 minutes
99215			99417 X 3	85 or more minutes
99215	<b>MEDICARE</b>		*G2212	Each additional 15 minutes after 54 minutes

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### APPROPRIATE TIME STATEMENT

- I spent **20 minutes** reviewing outside medical records including labs, Xray and PFT reports,
- **30 minutes** obtaining and/or reviewing separately obtained history and performing a medically necessary appropriate examination, face-to-face education and counseling to the patient and family and
- **20 minutes** ordering medications and tests and documenting clinical information in the EMR after patient left for a **total of 70 minutes**.

### *INAPPROPRIATE* TIME STATEMENTS

~~I had a lengthy discussion with the patient.~~

~~I spent 15 minutes talking about treatment options.~~

~~I spent 30 minutes with the patient.~~

~~I spent 50% of time in counseling and/or coordination of care.~~