

Time-based Calculation 2020 vs 2022

New Patient E/M Code	Typical Time (2020)	TOTAL Time (2022)
99201	10 minutes	DELETED
99202	20 minutes	15+ minutes
99203	30 minutes	30+ minutes
99204	45 minutes	45+ minutes
99205	60 minutes	60+ minutes

So, remember for 99202-99205: 15 – 30 – 45 – 60 as the minimum total time thresholds

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Est. Patient E/M Code	Typical Time (2020)	TOTAL Time (2022)
99211	5 minutes	Time Threshold Removed
99212	10 minutes	10+ minutes
99213	15 minutes	20+ minutes
99214	25 minutes	30+ minutes
99215	40 minutes	40+ minutes

Remember for 99212-99215: 10 – 20 – 30 – 40 as the minimum total time thresholds

OUTPATIENT MEDICAL DECISION MAKING (MDM) – 2 OF 3 NEEDED

E/M LEVEL and MDM (99201 deleted, 99211 N/A)	NUMBER AND COMPLEXITY OF PROBLEMS ADDRESSED	AMOUNT AND/OR COMPLEXITY OF DATA TO BE REVIEWED AND ANALYZED (Each unique test, order, or document reviewed counts in Category 1 below)	RISK OF COMPLICATIONS, and/or MORBIDITY/MORTALITY OF PATIENT MANAGEMENT
99202 (15-29 min) 99212 (10-19 min) Straightforward MDM	MINIMAL NUMBER AND COMPLEXITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One self-limited or minor prob. (abrasion) 	Minimal but usually none	Minimal risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing. Consider: Rest, superficial dressings, labs, EKG, EEG, etc.
99203 (30-44 min) 99213 (20-29 min) Low MDM	LOW NUMBER AND COMPLEXITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 or more self-limited or minor prob. OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 chronic stable illness (HTN) OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 acute, uncomplicated illness/injury (UTI) 	<p style="text-align: center;">(Must Meet 1 of 2 Categories)</p> <u>Category 1:</u> Tests and documents (any 2) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> *Review of prior external note(s) from EACH unique source *Review results of EACH unique test *Order of EACH unique test OR <u>Category 2:</u> Assessment requiring an independent historian	Low risk for undergoing additional management Consider: OTC drugs, non-contrast imaging, PT/OT, skin bx, minor surgery
99204 (45-59 min) 99214 (30-39 min) Moderate MDM	MODERATE NUMBER AND COMPLEXITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One or more chronic illnesses with exacerbation, progression, or treatment of side effects (AECOPD) 2 or more chronic stable illnesses New prob w/ uncertain prognosis (Breast Lump) Acute illness with systemic symptoms (flu) Acute complicated injury (concussion) 	<p style="text-align: center;">(Must meet 1 of 3 Categories)</p> <u>Category 1:</u> Tests, documents, historian (any 3) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> *Review of prior external note(s) from EACH unique source *Review results of EACH unique test *Order of EACH unique test Assessment requiring an independent historian OR <u>Category 2:</u> Independent interpretation of tests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent interpretation of tests performed by another physician (not separately billed) OR <u>Category 3:</u> Discussion of management or test interpretation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss mgmt./ interpretation of test with another provider (not separately billed) 	Moderate risk of morbidity from additional tests/treatment Consider: Rx mgmt., Discussion regarding minor surgery w/ patient or procedure risk factors Discussion regarding elective major surgery w/o risk factors Diagnosis or treatment significantly limited by social determinants of health
99205 (60-74 min) 99215 (40-54 min) High MDM	HIGH NUMBER AND COMPLEXITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 or more chronic illness with severe exacerbation, progression, or treatment side effects (AECOPD w hypoxia) Acute/chronic illness that may pose threat to life or bodily f(x) – (acute abd pain → ED) 	Must meet 2 of 3 Categories noted above in Moderate MDM	High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment Consider: Drug therapy req. intensive monitoring for toxicity, Decision regarding hospital care, Decision regarding elective major surgery w/ patient and/or procedure risk factors, Decision to deescalate care/decide DNR due to poor prog