

E&M Emergency Department Coding (MDM Based on 2 of 3 Components)

E/M LEVEL, MDM <i>99281: provider not required</i>	NUMBER AND COMPLEXITY OF <u>PROBLEMS</u> ADDRESSED	AMOUNT AND/OR COMPLEXITY OF <u>DATA</u> TO BE REVIEWED AND ANALYZED (Each unique test, order, or doc. reviewed counts)	<u>RISK</u> OF COMPLICATIONS, and/or MORBIDITY/MORTALITY OF PATIENT MANAGEMENT
99282 Strfwd	MINIMAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One self-limited or minor prob. 	Minimal but usually none	Minimal risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing/treatment.
99283 Low	LOW <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 OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 acute, uncomplicated illness/injury OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 acute, uncomplicated illness/injury requiring IP or OBS level of care OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 stable, acute illness 	<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 testing/treatment Consider: OTC drugs, non-contrast imaging, PT/OT, skin bx, minor surgery
99284 Moderate	MODERATE NUMBER AND COMPLEXITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One or more chronic illnesses with exacerbation, progression, or treatment of side effects 2 or more chronic stable illnesses New prob w/ uncertain prognosis Acute illness with systemic symptoms Acute complicated injury 	<p style="text-align: center;">(Must Meet 1 of 3 Categories: Moderate)</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 provider (not separately billed) 	Moderate risk of morbidity from additional tests/treatment Consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
99285 High	HIGH NUMBER AND COMPLEXITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 or more chronic illness with severe exacerbation, progression, or treatment side effects Acute/chronic illness that may pose threat to life or bodily function 	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) <p style="text-align: center;">(Must Meet 2 of 3 Categories: High)</p>	High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment Consider: Drug therapy req. intensive monitoring for toxicity, Decision regarding hospital care (admit/escalate), Decision regarding elective major surgery w/ patient and/or procedure risk factors, Decision to de-escalate care/decide DNR due to poor prog, IV controlled substance use

Critical Care: CMS and Commercial

CMS/Medicare Guidelines

Total Duration of Critical Care per CMS	Code(s)
Less than 30 minutes	Appropriate E/M Code
30-103 minutes	99291 x 1
104-133 minutes	99291 x 1 and 99292 x 1
134-163 minutes	99291 x 1 and 99292 x 2
164-193 minutes	99291 x 1 and 99292 x 3
194 minutes or longer	99291 x 1 and 99292 as appropriate (see illustrated reporting examples above)

CPT Guidelines / Commercial Carriers

- 99291 is OK for critical care if over 30 min for both
- For CMS: need to eclipse 104 for added 99292
- For Commercial: +99292 can be billed at 75 minutes

Total Duration of Critical Care	Code(s)
Less than 30 minutes	Appropriate E/M Code
30-74 minutes	99291 x 1
75-104 minutes	99291 x 1 and 99292 x 1
105-134 minutes	99291 x 1 and 99292 x 2
135-164 minutes	99291 x 1 and 99292 x 3
165-194 minutes	99291 x 1 and 99292 x 4
195 minutes or longer	99291 x 1 and 99292 as appropriate (see illustrated reporting examples above)