

2021 OFFICE VISIT CHANGES – USING MDM TO SELECT CODE LEVEL

Office Visit Code	Level of MDM (2 of 3 elements met)	Elements of Medical Decision Making		
		Number & Complexity of Problems Addressed at Encounter	Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed	Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity/Mortality of Patient Management
99211	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
99202 99212	Straightforward	Minimal 1 self-limited or minor problem	Minimal or none	Minimal risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
99203 99213	Low	Low 2 or more self-limited problems -OR- 1 stable chronic illness -OR- 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury	Limited <i>(Must meet the requirements of at last 1 of the 2 categories)</i> Category 1: tests and documents 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 <i>NOTE: For independent interpretation of test & discussion or test interpretation, see Moderate or High columns</i>	Low risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
99204 99214	Moderate	Moderate 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	Moderate <i>(Must meet the requirements of at last 1 of the 3 categories)</i> Category 1: Tests, documents or independent historian(s) 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 -OR-	Moderate risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision regarding minor surgery with identified patient or procedure risk Decision regarding elective major surgery without identified patient or procedure risk Prescription drug management

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			<p>Category 2: Independent interpretation of test(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent interpretation of a test performed by another QHP (not separately reported) <p>-OR-</p> <p>Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of management or test interpretation with external QHP (not separately reported) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diagnosis/treatment significantly limited by social determinants of health
99205 99215	High	<p>High</p> <p>1 or more chronic illnesses with sever exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment</p> <p>-OR-</p> <p>1 acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or body function</p>	<p>Extensive</p> <p><i>(Must meet the requirements of at last 1 of the 3 categories)</i></p> <p>Category 1: Tests, documents or independent historian(s)</p> <p>Any combination of 3 from the following:</p> <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 <p>-OR-</p> <p>Category 2: Independent interpretation of test(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent interpretation of a test performed by another QHP (not separately reported) <p>-OR-</p> <p>Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of management or test interpretation with external QHP (not separately reported) 	<p>High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision regarding elective major surgery with identified patient or procedure risk Decision regarding emergency major surgery Decision regarding hospitalization Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity Decision not to resuscitate or to de-escalate care because of poor prognosis