

Information adapted from the AMA Table 2: Level of Medical Decision Making (MDM)

2023 E&M Audit Tool For Outpatient Office Visits. MDM Requires You Meet Or Exceed 2 of 3 Boxes					
Code	Level of MDM (2 of 3 met or exceed)	Number & Complexity of problems addressed	Amount and/or Complexity of Data* Each unique test, order, or document contributes to a combination of 2 or of 3 in Category 1 below	Risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment	Time
99211 (EST)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
99202 (NEW) 99212 (EST)	Straightforward	Minimal 1 self-limited or minor problem <input type="checkbox"/>	Minimal or none <input type="checkbox"/>	Minimal risk <input type="checkbox"/>	15-29 mins (99202) 10-19 mins (99212)
99203 (NEW) 99213 (EST)	Low	Low • 2 or more self-limited or minor problems <input type="checkbox"/> OR • 1 stable chronic illness <input type="checkbox"/> OR • 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury <input type="checkbox"/>	Limited <i>(Must meet the requirements of at least 1 out of 3 categories)</i> <i>1 category required</i> Category 1: Tests and documents Any combination of 2 from the following: • Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source*; <input type="checkbox"/> • Review of the result(s) of each unique test*; <input type="checkbox"/> • Ordering of each unique test*; <input type="checkbox"/> OR Category 2: Assessment requiring an independent historian(s) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>For independent interpretation of tests and discussion of management or test interpretation, see moderate or high)</i>	Low risk <input type="checkbox"/>	30-44 mins (99203) 20-29 mins (99213)
99204 (NEW) 99214 (EST)	Moderate	Moderate • 1 or more chronic illnesses with exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment; <input type="checkbox"/> OR • 2 or more stable chronic illnesses; <input type="checkbox"/> OR • 1 undiagnosed new problem with uncertain prognosis; <input type="checkbox"/> OR • 1 acute illness with systemic symptoms; <input type="checkbox"/> OR • 1 acute complicated injury <input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate <i>(Must meet the requirements of at least 1 out of 3 categories)</i> <i>1 category required</i> Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Any combination of 3 from the following: • Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source*; <input type="checkbox"/> • Review of the result(s) of each unique test*; <input type="checkbox"/> • Ordering of each unique test*; <input type="checkbox"/> • Assessment requiring an independent historian(s) <input type="checkbox"/> OR Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests <input type="checkbox"/> • 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 <input type="checkbox"/> • Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other qualified health care professional/appropriate source (not separately reported)	Moderate risk <input type="checkbox"/> Examples only: • 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	45-59 mins (99204) 30-39 mins (99214)
99205 (NEW) 99215 (EST)	High	High • 1 or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment; <input type="checkbox"/> OR • 1 acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or bodily function <input type="checkbox"/>	Extensive <i>(Must meet the requirements of at least 2 out of 3 categories)</i> <i>2 categories required</i> Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Any combination of 3 from the following: • Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source*; <input type="checkbox"/> • Review of the result(s) of each unique test*; <input type="checkbox"/> • Ordering of each unique test*; <input type="checkbox"/> • Assessment requiring an independent historian(s) <input type="checkbox"/> OR Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests <input type="checkbox"/> • 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 <input type="checkbox"/> • Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other qualified health care professional/appropriate source (not separately reported)	High risk <input type="checkbox"/> Examples only: • 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	60-74 mins (99205) Time 75 mins or longer, use code 99417 40-54 mins (99215) Time 55 mins or longer, use code 99417