 Patient name/ ID \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chief Complaint(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Treating Clinician name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of visit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Carrier \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Medical decision making-based coding (time-based coding on the reverse)**Read complete coding/documentation guidelines for 99202-99215. Select level for Problems based on Type/Number (1). Select level for Data (2) based on selections for Categories (2A). Select Risk (3). Should meet or exceed at least 2 out of 3 MDM elements. Select level of MDM/ code based on element selections. Revisions effective September 11, 2023

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| **Level of MDM/ Code** | **1. Type/Number of Problem(s)** | | **2. Complexity of Data** | **2A. Categories** | | **3. Risk of Complications** |
| N/A | N/A | | N/A | N/A | | N/A |
| **Straightforward** | **Minimal**  Self-limited/minor **(1)** | | **Minimal (None)** | N/A | | **Minimal** risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment |
| **Low** | **Low**  Self-limited/minor **(≥ 2)**  Stable/chronic **(1)**  Acute uncomplicated injury/illness **(1)**  Stable acute illness **(1)**  Acute uncomplicated illness or injury  requiring hospital inpatient or observation level of care | | **Limited (must meet @ least 1 of the 2 Categories)**  Category 1 **OR** 2 | **Category 1** (any combination of 2) | | **Low** risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment **(examples only\*)**   * Minor surgery w/o risk factors\* * Superficial dressings\* * Low risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment |
| Review of prior external notes/appropriate source document/s | |
| Review of results of each test | |
| Ordering of each test | |
| **Category 2**  Assessment requiring an independent historian(s) | |
| **Moderate** | **Moderate**  Stable/chronic **(≥ 2)**  Chronic w/exacerbation, progression or side effects of treatment **(1)**  Undiagnosed new w/uncertain prognosis **(1)**  Acute illness w/systemic symptoms **(1)**  Acute complicated injury **(1)** | | **Moderate (must meet 1 out of 3 Categories)** | **Category 1** (any combination of 3)  Review of prior external notes  Review of results of each test  Ordering of each test  Assessment requiring independent historian | | **Moderate** risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment **(examples only)**   * Prescription drug management * Minor surgery with patient risk factors * Elective major surgery w/o risk factors * Diagnosis or treatment significantly limited by SDOH |
| **Category 2**  Independent interpretation of test/s by ordering provider or another provider | |
| **Category 3**  Discussion of management or test interpretation w/external provider/appropriate source | |
| **High** | **High**  Chronic w/severe exacerbation, progression or side effects of treatment **(≥ 1)**  Acute/chronic illness/injury that poses threat to life or bodily function **(1)** | | **Extensive (must meet @ least 2 out of 3 categories)** | **Category 1** (any combination of 3)  Review of prior external notes  Review of results of each test  Ordering of each test  Assessment requiring independent historian | | **High (examples only)**   * Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity * Elective major surgery with pt. or procedure risk factors * Emergency major surgery * Decision regarding hospitalization or escalation of hospital level of care * Decision not to resuscitate or to de-escalate care due to poor prognosis * Parenteral controlled substances |
| **Category 2**  Independent interpretation of test/s by ordering provider or another provider | |
| **Category 3**  Discussion of management or test interpretation w/external provider/appropriate source | |
| **Problem score:** | | **Data score:** | | | **Risk score:** | |

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| **Total MDM elements score (meet or exceed at least 2 elements):** |
| **(RN, Minimal, Low, Moderate or High/Extensive)** |

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| **Final MDM score** | **Code** |
| RN | 99211 |
| Minimal | 99202/99212 |
| Low/Limited | 99203/99213 |
| Moderate | 99204/99214 |
| High/Extensive | 99205/99215 |

**Time-Based Coding**

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| **New Patient** | **Minutes** | **Code** | **Established patient** | **Minutes** | **Code** |
| 15-29 | 99202 | 10-19 | 99212 |
| 30-44 | 99203 | 20-29 | 99213 |
| 45-59 | 99204 | 30-39 | 99214 |
| 60-74 | 99205 | 40-54 | 99215 |

Total time for activities by treating physician/QHP on date of service.  
Report 99211 when all time is by supervised clinical staff.

**Prolonged services (if applicable)**

Use only with 99205 or 99215 codes selected based on time. 1 unit of service (UOS) per 15 minutes. Minutes required for 1 UOS shown. Use either 99417 OR G2212 based on payor; do not use both.

Units of 99417 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Units of G2212 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Primary Code** | **AMA minutes reported** |
| 99205 | 75+ |
| 99215 | 55+ |

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| **Primary Code** | **CMS minutes reported** |
| 99205 | 89+ |
| 99215 | 69+ |

**For all records (either MDM or Time-Based Coding):**

**History documented?** Yes  No **Physical Exam documented** YesNo

**Physician/QHP signed chart?**  Yes  No

**Original code selected:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Reviewer agrees?**  Yes  No **Reviewed code:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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