E/M grid – Office Visits

Code	Level of MDM 2 of 3	Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed	Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed	Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management
99202	Straight	Minimal	Minimal or none	Minimal risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
99212	forward	□ 1 self-limited or minor problem		
99203 99213	Low	Low 2 or more self-limited or minor problems; or 1 stable chronic illness; or 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury 1 stable acute illness 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury requiring hospital inpatient or observation level of care	Limited (Must meet the requirements of at least 1 of the 2 categories) □ Category 1: Tests and documents Any combination of 2 from the following: ○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(s)	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 (Must meet the requirements of at least 1 out of 3 categories) □ Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s) Any combination of 3 from the following: ○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 independent historian(s); or □ Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests 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 Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other qualified health care professional/appropriate source (not separately reported)	Moderate risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment 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
99205 99215	High	High 1 or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment; or 1 acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or bodily function	Extensive (Must meet the requirements of at least 2 out of 3 categories) (in the field right above,)	High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment Examples only: Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity Decision regarding elective major procedure with identified patient or procedure risk factors Decision regarding emergency major surgery Decision regarding hospitalization or escalation of hospital level care Decision not to resuscitate or to de-escalate care because of poor prognosis Parenteral controlled substances

E/M grid – Initial Inpatient and Observation

Code	Level of MDM 2 of 3	Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed	Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed	Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management
99221 99234	Low	Low 2 or more self-limited or minor problems; or 1 stable chronic illness; or 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury 1 stable acute illness 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury requiring hospital inpatient or observation level of care	Limited (Must meet the requirements of at least 1 of the 2 categories) □ Category 1: Tests and documents Any combination of 2 from the following: ○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(s)	Low risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
99222 99235	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 (Must meet the requirements of at least 1 out of 3 categories) □ Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s) Any combination of 3 from the following: ○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 independent historian(s); or □ Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests 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 Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other qualified health care professional/appropriate source (not separately reported)	Moderate risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment 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
99223 99236	High	High 1 or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment; or 1 acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or bodily function	Extensive (Must meet the requirements of at least 2 out of 3 categories) (in the field right above,)	High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment Examples only: Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity Decision regarding elective major procedure with identified patient or procedure risk factors Decision regarding emergency major surgery Decision regarding hospitalization or escalation of hospital level care Decision not to resuscitate or to de-escalate care because of poor prognosis Parenteral controlled substances

^{*99221} and 99234 can also be used for straightforward MDM

E/M grid – Subsequent Inpatient and Observation

Code	Level of MDM 2 of 3	Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed	Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed	Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management
99231	Low	Low □ 2 or more self-limited or minor problems; or □ 1 stable chronic illness; or □ 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury □ 1 stable acute illness □ 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury requiring hospital inpatient or observation level of care	Limited (Must meet the requirements of at least 1 of the 2 categories) □ Category 1: Tests and documents Any combination of 2 from the following: ○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(s)	Low risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
99232	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 (Must meet the requirements of at least 1 out of 3 categories) □ Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s) Any combination of 3 from the following: ○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 independent historian(s); or □ Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests 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 Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other qualified health care professional/appropriate source (not separately reported)	Moderate risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment 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
99233	High	High 1 or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment; or 1 acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or bodily function	Extensive (Must meet the requirements of at least 2 out of 3 categories) (in the field right above,)	High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment Examples only: • Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity • Decision regarding elective major procedure with identified patient or procedure risk factors • Decision regarding emergency major surgery • Decision regarding hospitalization or escalation of hospital level care • Decision not to resuscitate or to de-escalate care because of poor prognosis • Parenteral controlled substances

 $^{^*}$ 99231 can also be used for straightforward MDM

E/M grid – Inpatient and Outpatient Consultations

Code	Level of MDM 2 of 3	Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed	Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed	Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management
99242 99252	Straight forward	Minimal 1 self-limited or minor problem	Minimal or none	Minimal risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
99243 99253	Low	Low □ 2 or more self-limited or minor problems; or □ 1 stable chronic illness; or □ 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury □ 1 stable acute illness □ 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury requiring hospital inpatient or observation level of care	Limited (Must meet the requirements of at least 1 of the 2 categories) □ Category 1: Tests and documents Any combination of 2 from the following: ○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(s)	Low risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
99244 99254	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 (Must meet the requirements of at least 1 out of 3 categories) □ Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s) Any combination of 3 from the following: ○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 independent historian(s); or □ Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests 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 Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other qualified health care professional/appropriate source (not separately reported)	Moderate risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment 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
99245 99255	High	High 1 or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment; or 1 acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or bodily function	Extensive (Must meet the requirements of at least 2 out of 3 categories) (in the field right above,)	High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment Examples only: Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity Decision regarding elective major procedure with identified patient or procedure risk factors Decision regarding emergency major surgery Decision regarding hospitalization or escalation of hospital level care Decision not to resuscitate or to de-escalate care because of poor prognosis Parenteral controlled substances

E/M grid – Emergency Department Visits

Code	Level of MDM 2 of 3	Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed	Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed	Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management
99282	Straight forward	Minimal 1 self-limited or minor problem	Minimal or none	Minimal risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
99283	Low	Low □ 2 or more self-limited or minor problems; or □ 1 stable chronic illness; or □ 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury □ 1 stable acute illness □ 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury requiring hospital inpatient or observation level of care	Limited (Must meet the requirements of at least 1 of the 2 categories) □ Category 1: Tests and documents Any combination of 2 from the following: ○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(s)	Low risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
99284	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 (Must meet the requirements of at least 1 out of 3 categories) □ Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s) Any combination of 3 from the following: ○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 independent historian(s); or □ Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests 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 Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other qualified health care professional/appropriate source (not separately reported)	Moderate risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment 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
99285	High	High □ 1 or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment; or □ 1 acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or bodily function	Extensive (Must meet the requirements of at least 2 out of 3 categories) (in the field right above,)	High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment Examples only: Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity Decision regarding elective major procedure with identified patient or procedure risk factors Decision regarding emergency major surgery Decision regarding hospitalization or escalation of hospital level care Decision not to resuscitate or to de-escalate care because of poor prognosis Parenteral controlled substances

E/M grid – Initial Nursing Facility Care

Code	Level of MDM	Number and Complexity of Problems	Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed	Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality
Code	2 of 3	Addressed	Amount and/of Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed	of Patient Management
99304*	Low	Low □ 2 or more self-limited or minor problems; or □ 1 stable chronic illness; or □ 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury □ 1 stable acute illness □ 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury requiring hospital inpatient or observation level of care	Limited (Must meet the requirements of at least 1 of the 2 categories) □ Category 1: Tests and documents Any combination of 2 from the following: ○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(s)	Low risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
99305	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 (Must meet the requirements of at least 1 out of 3 categories) □ Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s) Any combination of 3 from the following: ○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 independent historian(s); or □ Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests 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 Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other qualified health care professional/ appropriate source (not separately reported)	Moderate risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment 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
99306	High	High □ 1 or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment; or □ 1 acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or bodily function Multiple morbidities requiring intensive management: A set of conditions, syndromes, or functional impairments that are likely to require frequent medication changes or other treatment changes and/or re-evaluations. The patient is at significant risk of worsening medical (including behavioral) status and risk for (re)admission to a hospital.	Extensive (Must meet the requirements of at least 2 out of 3 categories) (in the field right above,)	High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment Examples only: Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity Decision regarding elective major procedure with identified patient or procedure risk factors Decision regarding emergency major surgery Decision regarding hospitalization or escalation of hospital level care Decision not to resuscitate or to de-escalate care because of poor prognosis Parenteral controlled substances

^{*99304} may also be used for straightforward MDM

E/M grid – Subsequent Nursing Facility Care

Code	Level of MDM 2 of 3	Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed	Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed	Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management
99307	Straight forward	Minimal 1 self-limited or minor problem	Minimal or none	Minimal risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
99308	Low	Low 2 or more self-limited or minor problems; or 1 stable chronic illness; or 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury 1 stable acute illness 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury requiring hospital inpatient or observation level of care	Limited (Must meet the requirements of at least 1 of the 2 categories) □ Category 1: Tests and documents Any combination of 2 from the following: ○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(s)	Low risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
99309	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 (Must meet the requirements of at least 1 out of 3 categories) □ Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s) Any combination of 3 from the following: □ 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 independent historian(s); or □ Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests 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 Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other qualified health care professional/ appropriate source (not separately reported)	Moderate risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment 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
99310	High	High 1 or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment; or 1 acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or bodily function	Extensive (Must meet the requirements of at least 2 out of 3 categories) (in the field right above,)	High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment Examples only: Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity Decision regarding elective major procedure with identified patient or procedure risk factors Decision regarding emergency major surgery Decision regarding hospitalization or escalation of hospital level care Decision not to resuscitate or to de-escalate care because of poor prognosis Parenteral controlled substances

E/M grid – Home or Residence Services New and Established

Code	Level of MDM 2 of 3	Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed	Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed	Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management
99341 99347	Straight forward	Minimal 1 self-limited or minor problem	Minimal or none	Minimal risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
99342 99348	Low	Low 2 or more self-limited or minor problems; or 1 stable chronic illness; or 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury 1 stable acute illness 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury requiring hospital inpatient or observation level of care	Limited (Must meet the requirements of at least 1 of the 2 categories) □ Category 1: Tests and documents Any combination of 2 from the following: ○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(s)	Low risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
99344 99349	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 (Must meet the requirements of at least 1 out of 3 categories) □ Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s) Any combination of 3 from the following: ○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 independent historian(s); or □ Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests 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 Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other qualified health care professional/appropriate source (not separately reported)	Moderate risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment 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
99345 99350	High	High 1 or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment; or 1 acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or bodily function	Extensive (Must meet the requirements of at least 2 out of 3 categories) (in the field right above,)	High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment Examples only: Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity Decision regarding elective major procedure with identified patient or procedure risk factors Decision regarding emergency major surgery Decision regarding hospitalization or escalation of hospital level care Decision not to resuscitate or to de-escalate care because of poor prognosis Parenteral controlled substances

Reference sheet

Typical Time

Code	Time range (minutes)
E/M off	fice visits
99202	15-29
99203	30-44
99204	45-59
99205	60-74
99212	10-19
99213	20-29
99214	30-39
99215	40-54

Initial inpatient and observation		
99221	40	
99222	55	
99223	75	

Subsequent inpatient and observation		
99231	25	
99232	35	
99233	50	

Inpatient and outpatient consultation		
99242	20	
99252	35	
99243	30	
99253	45	
99244	40	
99254	60	
99245	55	
99255	80	

Code	Time range (minutes)	
Initial nursing facility		
99304	25	
99305	35	
99306	45	

Subsequent nursing facility		
99307	10	
99308	15	
99309	30	
99310	45	

Home or residence services		
99341	15	
99347	20	
99342	30	
99348	30	
99344	60	
99349	40	
99345	75	
99350	60	

^{*} Time is not a consideration for emergency department services

