

CPT® time rule:														
<p><i>"A unit of time is attained when the mid-point is passed. For example, an hour is attained when 31 minutes have elapsed (more than midway between zero and sixty minutes). A second hour is attained when a total of 91 minutes has elapsed."</i> CPT® Professional Edition, 2023, p xviii</p>		<p><b>Examples of codes that follow this rule include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psychotherapy</li> <li>• PT/OT time-based modalities</li> <li>• Advance care planning</li> <li>• Non-face-to-face prolonged care</li> </ul>												
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>"Do not report XXXXX for services of less than 20 minutes."</i></li> <li>• <i>"Do not report XXXXX for services of less than an additional increment of 20 minutes."</i></li> </ul>		<p><b>Examples of codes that require the full time:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remote physiologic monitoring</li> <li>• Chronic care management</li> <li>• Principal care management</li> <li>• Evaluation and management services</li> </ul>												
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<p><i>"5-10 minutes of medical consultative discussion and review"</i></p>		<p><b>Examples of codes that have time ranges:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interprofessional consults</li> <li>• Telephone services</li> </ul>												
Critical care: CPT and CMS have different rules														
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chart in CPT® books</li> <li>• One hour of time is 30-74 minutes</li> <li>• Add on code at 75 minutes</li> <li>• CMS not following CPT time rule.</li> </ul> <div> </div> <p>In order to report 99292, the full 30 minutes must be met.</p>		<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Codes</th><th>CPT time</th><th>CMS time</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>First hour, 99291</td><td>30-74 minutes</td><td>30-74 minutes</td></tr> <tr> <td>Additional 30 minutes, 99291, 99292</td><td>75-104 minutes (uses CPT mid-point time rule)</td><td>104 minutes (30 minutes more than 74 minutes)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Additional 30 minutes, 99291, 99292 X 2</td><td>105-134 minutes (uses CPT mid-point time rule)</td><td>134 minutes (30 minutes more than 104 minutes)</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Codes	CPT time	CMS time	First hour, 99291	30-74 minutes	30-74 minutes	Additional 30 minutes, 99291, 99292	75-104 minutes (uses CPT mid-point time rule)	104 minutes (30 minutes more than 74 minutes)	Additional 30 minutes, 99291, 99292 X 2	105-134 minutes (uses CPT mid-point time rule)	134 minutes (30 minutes more than 104 minutes)
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