

Elements of Medical Decision Making			Level of MDM <i>(Based on 2 out of 3 Elements of MDM)</i>	Code
Number & Complexity of problems addressed	Amt and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed & Analyzed <i>*Each unique test, order, or document contributes to the combination of 2 or combination of 3 in Category 1 below; **There can be multiple amounts of a single test, except for independent historian, with a max of 1</i>	Risk of Complication and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Minimal</b> • 1 self-limited or minor problem	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Minimal or None</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Minimal risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment</b>	<b>Straightforward</b>	99202 (15 29 minutes) 99212 (10 19 minutes)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Low</b> • 2 or more self-limited or minor problems; <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> • 1 stable chronic illness; <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> • 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Limited</b> <i>(Must meet the requirements of at least 1 of the 2 categories)</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Category 1: Tests and documents</b> Any combination of 2 points from the following: <input type="checkbox"/> • 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*; <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Category 2: Assessment requiring an independent historian(s)</b> <i>(For the categories of independent interpretation of tests and discussion of management or test interpretation, see moderate or high)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Low risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment</b>	<b>Low</b>	99203 (30 44 minutes) 99213 (20 29 minutes)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Moderate</b> • 1 or more chronic illnesses with exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment; <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> • 2 or more stable chronic illnesses; <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> • 1 undiagnosed new problem with uncertain prognosis; <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> • 1 acute illness with systemic symptoms; <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> • 1 acute complicated injury	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Moderate</b> <i>(Must meet the requirements of at least 1 out of 3 categories)</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s)</b> Any combination of 3 points from the following: <input type="checkbox"/> • 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) ( <b>max 1 point</b> ) <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests</b> • Independent interpretation of a test performed by another physician/other qualified health care professional (not separately reported); <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation</b> • Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other qualified health care professional/appropriate source (not separately reported)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Moderate risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment</b> <i>Examples only:</i> • 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	<b>Moderate</b>	99204 (45 59 minutes) 99214 (30 39 minutes)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>High</b> • 1 or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment; <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> • 1 acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or bodily function	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Extensive</b> <i>(Must meet the requirements of at least 2 out of 3 categories)</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s)</b> Any combination of 3 points from the following: <input type="checkbox"/> • 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) ( <b>max 1 point</b> ) <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests</b> • Independent interpretation of a test performed by another physician/other qualified health care professional (not separately reported); <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation</b> • Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other qualified health care professional/appropriate source (not separately reported)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment</b> <i>Examples only:</i> • 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	<b>High</b>	99205 (60 74 minutes) 99215 (40 54 minutes)

\*1 point should be given for each unique test(s) or document(s) and are then totaled for the category points; the more points, the higher the data level

\*Consider 2 of the 3 MDM elements for the overall MDM level; Drop the lowest one. All levels must meet or exceed.