

## NEW RULES OF CODING

Eff. 1/1/2021

<p><b>99202 (new pt)</b> 15-29 minutes by <b>provider</b> on date of encounter (not staff time)</p>	<p><b>Level of Medical Decision Making: <u>Straightforward</u></b></p>	
<p><b>99212 (est. pt)</b> 10-19 minutes by <b>provider</b> on date of encounter (not staff time)</p>	<p>1. <u>No. &amp; complexity of <b>problems addressed:</b></u> Minimal - One minor or self-limiting</p>	<p>2. <u>Amount/Complexity of Data Reviewed/Analyzed:</u> Minimal or none</p>
	<p>3. <b>Risk of Complication/morbidity/mortality: <u>Minimal</u></b></p>	
<p><b>99203 (new pt)</b> 30-44 minutes by provider on date of encounter (not staff time)</p>	<p><b>Level of Medical Decision Making: <u>Low</u></b></p>	
<p><b>99213 (est. pt)</b> 20-29 minutes by provider on date of encounter (not staff time)</p>	<p>1. <u>No. &amp; Complexity of problems addressed:</u> 2+ minor, self-limiting --OR-- 1 <b>stable, chronic</b> --OR-- 1 <b>acute, uncomplicated injury or illness</b></p>	<p>2. <u>Amount/Complexity of Data Reviewed/Analyzed:</u> <b><u>Limited</u></b> <b>(1 of 2 categories required)</b>  <b>Category 1:</b> 2+ Review external note; rvw/order ea unique test  <b>Category 2:</b> Independent historian discussion and assessment</p>
	<p>3. <b>Risk of Complication/morbidity/mortality: <u>Low</u></b></p>	

**Problems Addressed:** Disease/condition/illness/injury/symptom/sign/finding/complaint **addressed or managed at the current encounter.** Includes further work up considered, but not elected, due to risk/benefit analysis or patient/parent/guardian choice.

**Time:** Personally spent by provider on date of encounter. Includes: review tests/records; obtain/review separate history, perform exam, counsel/educate pt/family/caregiver, order meds/tests/procedures, refer/communicate w/other healthcare professional, document in EMR/record, independently interpret test (not billed separately), and care coordination.

**Stable, chronic:** expected to last >1yr and pt is at their individual treatment goal.

**Acute, uncomplicated:** recent/new short-term problem w/low risk of morbidity fortreatment considered.

**Chronic w/exacerbation/progression/side effect:** acutely worsening, poorly controlled or progressing w/intent to control requiring additional support, but not hospital level of care.

**Risk:** Based on consequences of problems addressed when appropriately treated, including risk to initiate or forego further treatment or testing.

<p><b>99204 (new pt)</b> 45-59 minutes by provider ondate of encounter (not staff time)</p>	<p>Level of Medical Decision Making: <b>Moderate</b></p>	
<p><b>99214 (est. pt)</b> 30-39 minutes by provider ondate of encounter (notstaff time)</p>	<p>1. <u>No. &amp; Complexity of problems addressed:</u> 1+ <i>chronic with exacerbation, progression, side effect of treatment</i> --OR-- 2+ stable, chronic illnesses --OR-- 1 undiagnosed, new px w/uncertain prognosis --OR-- 1 acute illness w/systemic sx --OR-- 1 acute complicated injury</p>	<p>2. <u>Amount/Complexity of Data Reviewed/Analyzed:</u> <b>Moderate</b> <b>(1 of 3 categories required)</b></p> <p><b>Category 1:</b> 3+ Review external note; r/w/order ea unique test; or assessment requiring independent historian.</p> <p><b>Category 2:</b> Independent interpretation of external test (not billed separately)</p> <p><b>Category 3:</b> Discuss management or test interp. w/external provider</p>
<p>3. <b>Risk of Complication/morbidity/mortality: Moderate</b> (Prescription drug mgmt; minor surgery w/risks; major surgery w/ NO risks; dx/tx significantly limited by social determinants of health)</p>		

<p><b>99205 (new pt)</b> 60-74 minutes by provider on date of encounter (not staff time)</p>	<p>Level of Medical Decision Making: <b>High</b></p>	
<p><b>99215(est. pt)</b> 40-54 minutes by provider on date of encounter (not staff time)</p>	<p>1. <u>No. &amp; complexity of problems addressed:</u> 1+ chronic with <i>severe</i> exacerbation, progression or side effect of treatment --OR-- 1 acute or chronic with threat to bodily function or life</p>	<p>2. <u>Amount/Complexity of Data Reviewed/Analyzed:</u> <b>Extensive</b> <b>(2 of 3 categories required)</b></p> <p><b>Category 1:</b> 3+ Review external note; review/order each unique test; or assessment requiring independent historian.</p> <p><b>Category 2:</b> Independent interpretation of external test (not billed separately)</p> <p><b>Category 3:</b> Discuss management or test interp. w/external provider</p>
<p>3. <b>Risk of Complication/Morbidity/Mortality: High</b> (drug tx w/monitoring for toxicity; major surgery w/risks; hospadmit; DNR or de-escalate care due to poor prognosis)</p>		