

ELEMENTS OF MEDICAL DECISION MAKING (MDM)

Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed	Amount and/or Complexity of Data reviewed and analyzed <i>*Each unique test, order or document contributes to the combination of 2, or combination of 3 in category 1 below</i>	Risk of complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management	Level of MDM (2 of 3 Elements are present)	Code
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Est 99211
Minimal <input type="checkbox"/> 1 self-limited or minor problem	Minimal or none	Minimal risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment	Straightforward <input type="checkbox"/> Col 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Col 3	<input type="checkbox"/> New 99202 <input type="checkbox"/> Est 99212
Low <input type="checkbox"/> 2 or more self-limited or minor problems; OR <input type="checkbox"/> 1 stable chronic illness; OR <input type="checkbox"/> 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury	Limited <i>(Must meet the requirements of 1 of 2 of following categories):</i> <u>Category 1: Tests and documents</u> Any combination of 2 from the following: <input type="checkbox"/> Review of prior external notes from each unique source <input type="checkbox"/> Review of the results of each unique test <input type="checkbox"/> Ordering of each unique test; OR <u>Category 2: Assessment requiring and independent historian</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Independent interpretation of a test performed by another physician/other qualified health care professional (not separately reported);	Low risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment	Low <input type="checkbox"/> Col 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Col 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Col 3	<input type="checkbox"/> New 99203 <input type="checkbox"/> Est 99213
Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> 1 or more chronic illnesses with exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment; OR <input type="checkbox"/> 2 or more stable chronic illnesses; OR <input type="checkbox"/> 1 undiagnosed new problem with uncertain prognosis; OR <input type="checkbox"/> 1 acute illness with systemic symptoms; OR <input type="checkbox"/> 1 acute complicated injury	Moderate <i>(Must meet the requirements of 1 of 3 of following categories):</i> <u>Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s)</u> Any combination of 3 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); OR <u>Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Independent interpretation of a test performed by another physician/other qualified health care professional (not separately reported); OR <u>Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation</u> <input type="checkbox"/> 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	Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Col 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Col 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Col 3	<input type="checkbox"/> New 99204 <input type="checkbox"/> Est 99214
High <input type="checkbox"/> 1 or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment; OR <input type="checkbox"/> 1 acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or bodily function	Extensive <i>(Must meet the requirements of at least 2 out of 3 categories)</i> <u>Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s)</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Any combination of 3 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); OR <u>Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Independent interpretation of a test performed by another physician/other qualified health care professional (not separately reported); OR <u>Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other qualified health care professional/appropriate source (not separately reported)	High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment Examples only: • 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 deescalate care because of poor prognosis	High <input type="checkbox"/> Col 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Col 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Col 3	<input type="checkbox"/> New 99205 <input type="checkbox"/> Est 99215