

Evaluation and Management Services Guide

Coding by Key Components

History	Chief Complaint (CC)		History of present illness (HPI)		Past, family, social history (PFSH)		Review of systems (ROS)		
	Reason for the visit		Location; Severity; Timing; Quality; Duration; Context; Modifying Factors; Associated signs and symptoms		Past medical; Family medical; Social		Constitutional; Eyes; Ears, Nose, Mouth, and Throat; Cardiovascular; Respiratory; Genitourinary; Musculoskeletal; Gastrointestinal; Skin/Breast; Neurological; Psychiatric; Endocrine; Hematologic/Lymphatic; Allergic/Immunologic		
	CC		HPI		PFSH		ROS		History Type
	Yes	<i>Brief</i> (1-3 elements or 1-2 chronic conditions)		N/A		N/A		<i>Problem pertinent</i> (1 system)	<i>Problem focused (PF)</i>
		<i>Extended</i> (4 elements or 3 chronic conditions)		<i>Pertinent</i> (1 element)		<i>Extended</i> (2-9 systems)		<i>Complete</i> (10-14 systems)	<i>Expanded problem focused (EPF)</i>
				<i>Complete</i> (2 elements (est) or 3 elements (new/initial))				<i>Detailed (DET)</i>	
								<i>Comprehensive (COMP)</i>	
Examination	System/body area				Examination				
	Constitutional				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3/7 vital signs: sitting or standing BP, supine BP, pulse rate and regularity, respiration, temperature, height, weight General appearance 				
	Musculoskeletal				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Muscle strength and tone Gait and station 				
	Psychiatric				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speech Thought process Associations Abnormal/psychotic thoughts Judgment and insight Orientation Recent and remote memory Attention and concentration Language Fund of knowledge Mood and affect 				
					Examination Elements				
					Examination type				
	1-5 bullets				<i>Problem focused (PF)</i>				
At least 6 bullets				<i>Expanded problem focused (EPF)</i>					
At least 9 bullets				<i>Detailed (DET)</i>					
All bullets in Constitutional and Psychiatric (shaded) boxes and 1 bullet in Musculoskeletal (unshaded) box				<i>Comprehensive (COMP)</i>					
Med Dec Making	Medical Decision Making Element						Determined by		
	Number of diagnoses or management options						Problem points chart		
	Amount and/or complexity of data to be reviewed						Data points chart		
	Risk of significant complications, morbidity, and/or mortality						Table of risk		
	Problem Points								
	Category of Problems/Major New symptoms						Points per problem		
	Self-limiting or minor (stable, improved, or worsening) (max=2)						1		
	Established problem (to examining physician); stable or improved						1		
	Established problem (to examining physician); worsening						2		
	New problem (to examining physician); no additional workup or diagnostic procedures ordered (max=1)						3		
New problem (to examining physician); additional workup planned*						4			
*Additional workup does not include referring patient to another physician for future care									

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Medical Decision Making	Data Points							
	Categories of Data to be Reviewed (max=1 for each)			Points				
	Review and/or order of clinical lab tests			1				
	Review and/or order of tests in the radiology section of CPT			1				
	Review and/or order of tests in the medicine section of CPT			1				
	Discussion of test results with performing physician			1				
	Decision to obtain old records and/or obtain history from someone other than patient			1				
	Review and summarization of old records and/or obtaining history from someone other than patient and/or discussion of case with another health care provider			2				
	Independent visualization of image, tracing, or specimen itself (not simply review report)			2				
	Table of Risk							
Level of Risk	Presenting Problem(s)	Diagnostic Procedure(s) Ordered	Management Options Selected					
<i>Minimal</i>	One self-limited or minor problem	Venipuncture; EKG; urinalysis	Rest					
<i>Low</i>	Two or more self-limited or minor problems; One stable chronic illness; Acute uncomplicated illness	Arterial puncture	OTC drugs					
<i>Moderate</i>	One or more chronic illnesses with mild exacerbation, progression, or side effects; Two or more stable chronic illnesses; Undiagnosed new problem with uncertain prognosis; Acute illness with systemic symptoms		Prescription drug management					
<i>High</i>	One or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects; Acute or chronic illnesses that pose a threat to life or bodily function		Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity					
Problem Points		Data Points	Risk	Complexity of Medical Decision Making				
2/3 elements must be met or exceeded:	0-1	0-1	Minimal	<i>Straightforward</i>				
	2	2	Low	<i>Low</i>				
	3	3	Moderate	<i>Moderate</i>				
	4	4	High	<i>High</i>				
CPT Codes	New Patient Office (requires 3 of 3)				Established Patient Office (requires 2 of 3)			
	CPT Code	History	Exam	MDM	CPT Code	History	Exam	MDM
	99201	PF	PF	Straightforward	99211	N/A	N/A	N/A
	99202	EPF	EPF	Straightforward	99212	PF	PF	Straightforward
	99203	DET	DET	Low	99213	EPF	EPF	Low
	99204	COMP	COMP	Moderate	99214	DET	DET	Moderate
	99205	COMP	COMP	High	99215	COMP	COMP	High
	Initial Hospital/PHP (requires 3 of 3)				Subsequent Hospital/PHP (requires 2 of 3)			
	CPT Code	History	Exam	MDM	CPT Code	History	Exam	MDM
	99221	DET	DET	Straightforward	99231	PF	PF	Straightforward
	99222	COMP	COMP	Moderate	99232	EPF	EPF	Moderate
	99223	COMP	COMP	High	99233	DET	DET	High