

## 2021 OUTPATIENT MEDICAL DECISION MAKING (MDM) – 2 OF 3 NEEDED

EM LEVEL and MDM (99201 deleted, 99211 N/A)	NUMBER AND COMPLEXITY OF <u>PROBLEMS</u> ADDRESSED	AMOUNT AND/OR COMPLEXITY OF <u>DATA</u> TO BE REVIEWED AND ANALYZED (Each unique test, order, or document reviewed counts in Category 1 below)	<u>RISK</u> OF COMPLICATIONS, and/or MORBIDITY/MORTALITY OF PATIENT MANAGEMENT
99202 (15-29 min) 99212 (10-19 min) Straightforward MDM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MINIMAL NUMBER AND COMPLEXITY</li> <li>One self-limited or minor prob. (abrasion)</li> </ul>	<p>Minimal but usually none</p> <p><b>(Must Meet 1 of 2 Categories)</b></p> <p>Category 1: Tests and documents (any 2)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Review of prior external note(s) from EACH unique source</li> <li>*Review results of EACH unique test</li> <li>*Order of EACH unique test</li> </ol> <p>OR</p> <p>Category 2: Assessment requiring an independent historian</p>	<p>Minimal risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing.</p> <p>Consider: Rest, superficial dressings, labs, EKG, EEG, etc.</p>
99203 (30-44 min) 99213 (20-29 min)  Low MDM	<p>LOW NUMBER AND COMPLEXITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 or more self-limited or minor prob.</li> <li>OR</li> <li>1 chronic stable illness (HTN)</li> <li>OR</li> <li>1 acute, uncomplicated illness/injury (UTI)</li> </ul>	<p><b>(Must Meet 1 of 3 Categories)</b></p> <p>Category 1: Tests, documents, historian (any 2)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Review of prior external note(s) from EACH unique source</li> <li>*Review results of EACH unique test</li> <li>*Order of EACH unique test</li> <li>Assessment requiring an independent historian</li> </ol> <p>OR</p> <p>Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independent interpretation of tests performed by another physician (not separately billed)</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <p>Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss mgmt./interpretation of test with another provider (not separately billed)</li> </ul>	<p>Low risk for undergoing additional management</p> <p>Consider: OTC drugs, non-contrast imaging, PT/OT, skin bx, minor surgery</p>
99204 (45-59 min) 99214 (30-39 min)  Moderate MDM	<p>MODERATE NUMBER AND COMPLEXITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One or more chronic illnesses with exacerbation, progression, or treatment of side effects (AECOPD)</li> <li>2 or more chronic stable illnesses</li> <li>New prob w/ uncertain prognosis (Breast Lump)</li> <li>Acute illness with systemic symptoms (flu)</li> <li>Acute complicated injury (concussion)</li> </ul>	<p><b>(Must meet 1 of 3 Categories)</b></p> <p>Category 1: Tests, documents, historian (any 3)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Review of prior external note(s) from EACH unique source</li> <li>*Review results of EACH unique test</li> <li>*Order of EACH unique test</li> <li>Assessment requiring an independent historian</li> </ol> <p>OR</p> <p>Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independent interpretation of tests performed by another physician (not separately billed)</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <p>Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss mgmt./interpretation of test with another provider (not separately billed)</li> </ul>	<p>Moderate risk of morbidity from additional tests/treatment</p> <p>Consider: Rx mgmt., Discussion regarding minor surgery w/ patient or procedure risk factors</p> <p>Discussion regarding elective major surgery w/o risk factors</p>
99205 (60-74 min) 99215 (40-54 min)  High MDM	<p>HIGH NUMBER AND COMPLEXITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 or more chronic illness with severe exacerbation, progression, or treatment side effects (AECOPD w hypoxia)</li> <li>Acute/chronic illness that may pose threat to life or bodily fx) – (acute abcd pain → ED)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Must meet 2 of 3 Categories noted above in Moderate MDM</b></p>	<p>High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment</p> <p>Consider: Drug therapy req, intensive monitoring for toxicity, Decision regarding hospital care, Decision regarding elective major surgery w/ patient and/or procedure risk factors, Decision to deescalate care/decide DNR due to poor prog</p>