



Medical Decision Making (MDM): Adapted from AMA Coding

CPT Codes	Level of MDM (needs 2 out of 3 elements of MDM)	Number and complexity of problems addressed	Amount and/or complexity of data reviewed or analyzed	Risk of complications and/or morbidity or mortality
99202 99212	Straightforward	Minimal; a self-limited or minor problem	Minimal or no data reviewed	
99203 99213	Low	Have 1 of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 or more self-limited or minor problems • 1 stable chronic illness • 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury 	Need at least 1 of the 2 categories: Category 1: any combination of 2 of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of prior external note (can do 2 from unique sources) • Review of results of unique test • Ordering of unique test Category 2: assessment requiring independent historian	Low risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
99204 99214	Moderate	Have 1 of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 or more chronic illnesses with exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment • 2 or more stable chronic illnesses • 1 undiagnosed new problem with uncertain prognosis • 1 acute illness with systemic symptoms • 1 acute complicated injury 	Need at least 1 of the 3 categories: Category 1: Any combination of 3 of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of prior external notes from unique sources • Review of results of unique test • Ordering of unique test • Assessment requiring an independent historian Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests performed by another health care professional (not separated reported) Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation with external health care professional/appropriate source	Moderate risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment Examples only: Prescription drug management, decision regarding minor surgery with patient or procedure risk factors, decision regarding elective major surgery without risk factors, diagnosis or treatment limited by social determinants of health

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99205 99215	High	<p>Have 1 of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment <p>1 acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or bodily function</p>	<p>Need at least 2 of the 3 categories</p> <p>Category 1: Any combination of 3 from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source Review of the result(s) of each unique test Ordering of each unique test Assessment requiring an independent historian <p>Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests performed by another HCP (not separated reported)</p> <p>Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation with external HCP or appropriate source</p>	<p>High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment</p> <p>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 de-escalate care because of poor prognosis</p>

AMA, American Medical Association; CPT, Current Procedural Terminology; HCP, healthcare professional. American Medical Association. Accessed July 23, 2024. <https://www.ama-assn.org/system/files/2020-04/e-m-office-visit-changes.pdf>