

Choosing Evaluation and Management Levels

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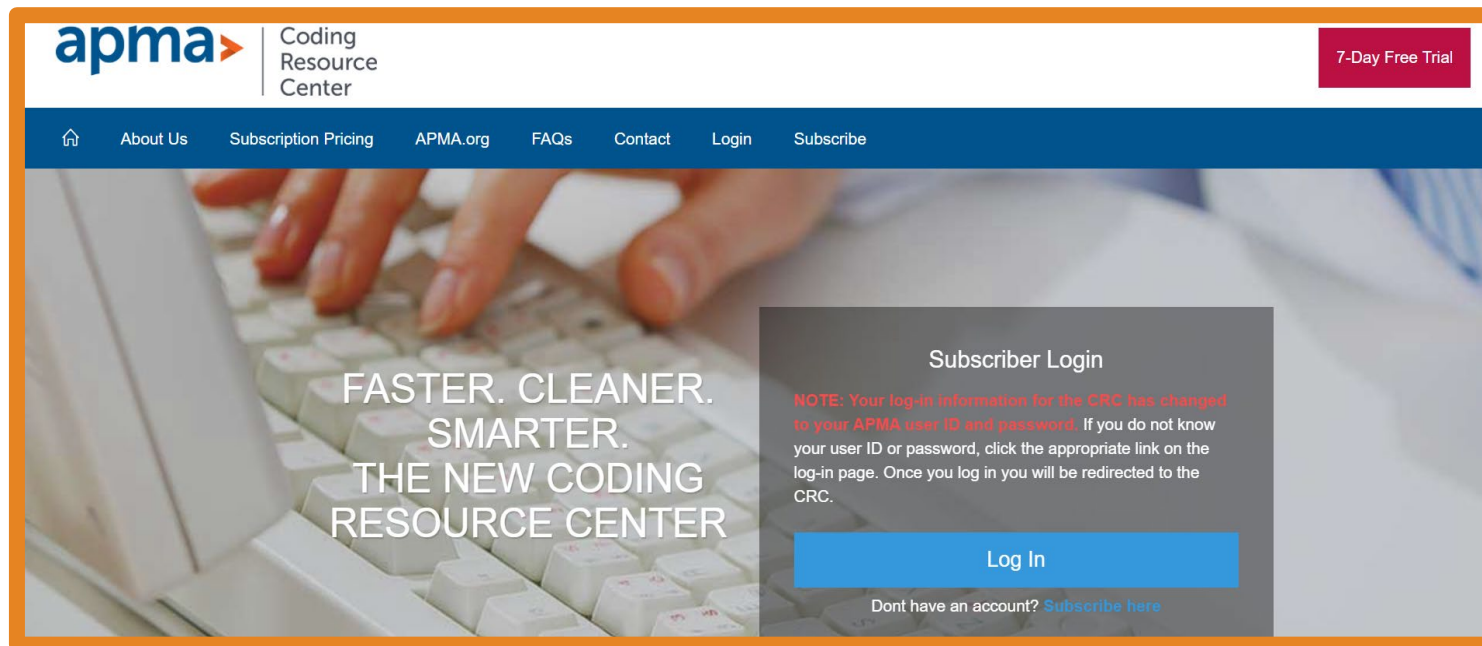
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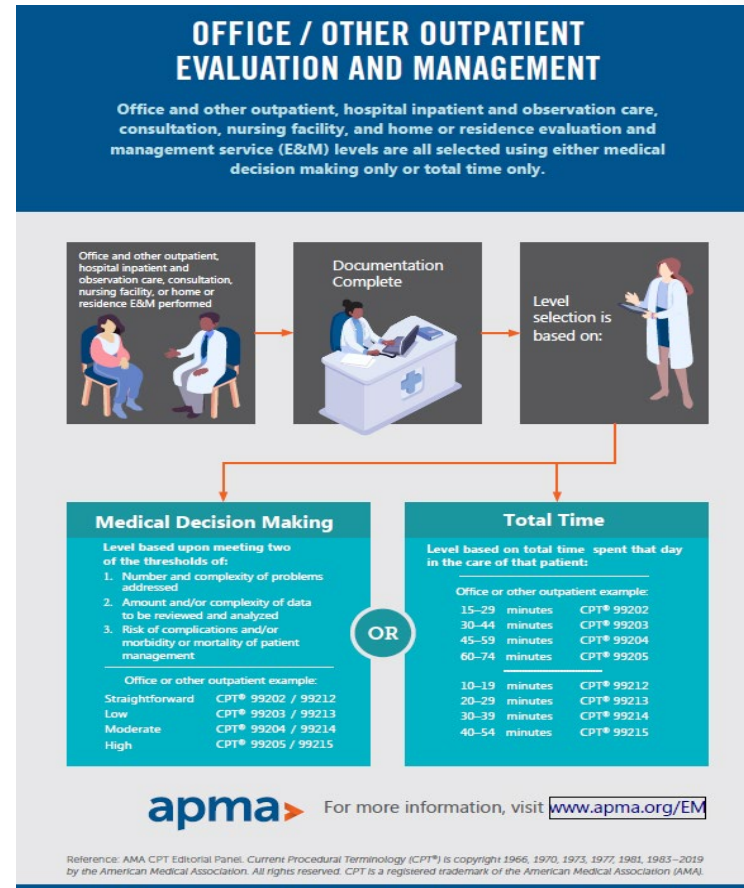
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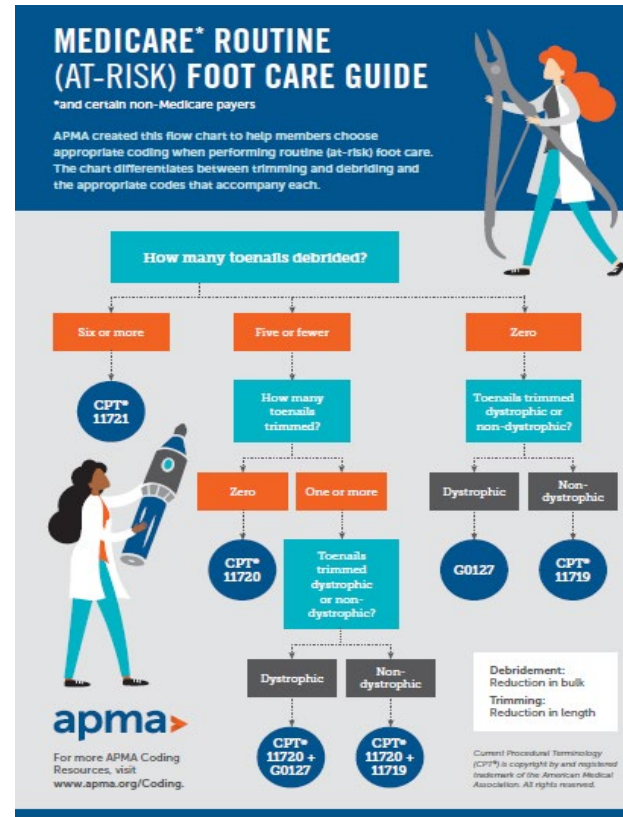
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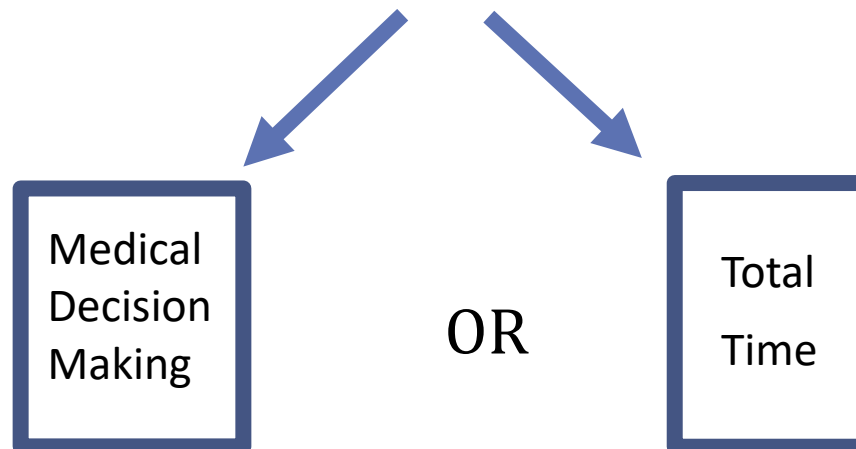
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Office and Other Outpatient E&M

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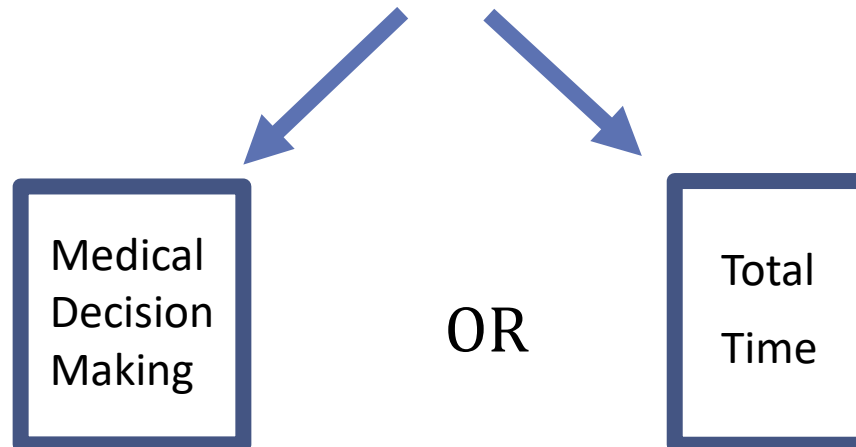


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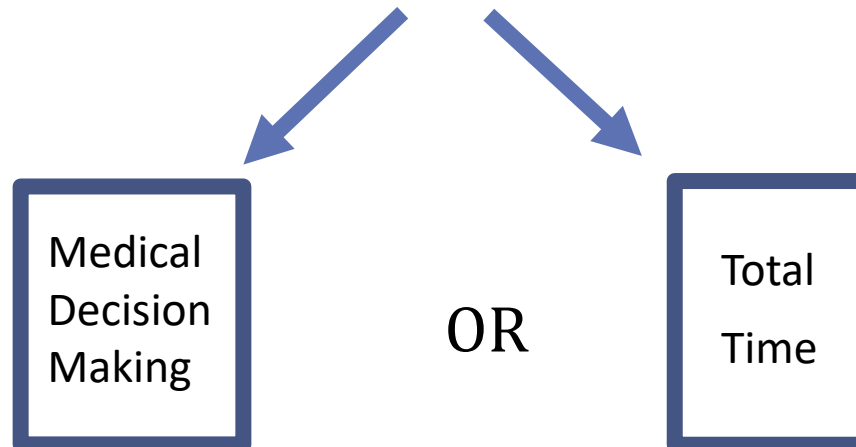
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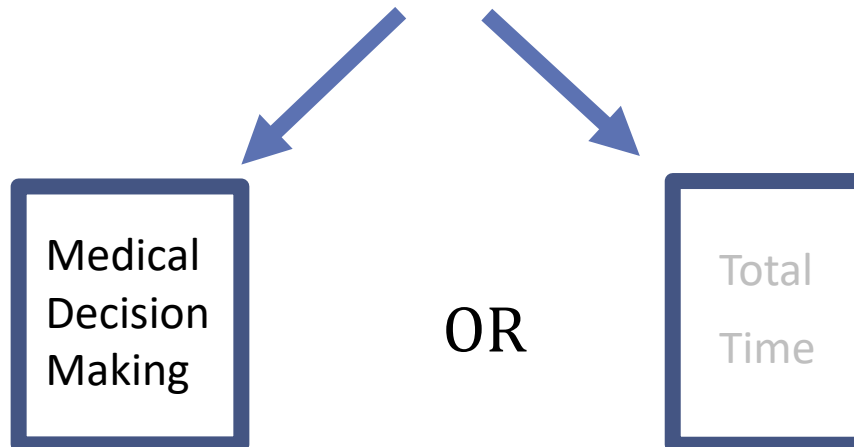
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Four Levels of MDM

- Straight Forward
- Low
- Moderate
- High

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Three Elements of MDM

- Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed
- Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed
- Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management

Need 2/3

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Three Elements of MDM

- Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed
- Data
- Risk

Need 2/3

**Table 2 – CPT E/M Office Revisions
Level of Medical Decision Making (MDM)**

Revisions effective January 1, 2021:

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Code	Level of MDM (Based on 2 out of 3 Elements of MDM)	Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed	Elements of Medical Decision Making	Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management
			Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be 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>	
99211	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
99202 99212	Straightforward	Minimal • 1 self-limited or minor problem	Minimal or none	Minimal risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
99203 99213	Low	Low • 2 or more self-limited or minor problems; or • 1 stable chronic illness; or • 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury	Limited (Must meet the requirements of at least 1 of the 2 categories) Category 1: Tests and documents • Any combination of 2 from the following: • Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source*; • review of the result(s) of each unique test*; • ordering of each unique test* or Category 2: Assessment requiring an independent historian(s) (For the categories of independent interpretation of tests and discussion of management or test interpretation, see moderate or high)	Low risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
99204 99214	Moderate	Moderate • 1 or more chronic illnesses with exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment; or • 2 or more stable chronic illnesses; or • 1 undiagnosed new problem with uncertain prognosis; or • 1 acute illness with systemic symptoms; or • 1 acute complicated injury	Moderate (Must meet the requirements of at least 1 out of 3 categories) Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s) • Any combination of 3 from the following: • 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(s) or Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests • Independent interpretation of a test performed by another physician/other qualified health care professional (not separately reported); or Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation • 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 <i>Examples only:</i> • 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
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CPT 99202 / 99212

Level: Straightforward: Need 2 out of 3:

Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed: 1 self-limited or minor problem

Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed: minimal or none

Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management - minimal risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment

CPT 99203 / 99213

Level: Low: Need 2 out of 3:

Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed:

Low :

2 or more self-limited or minor problems

OR

1 stable chronic illness

OR

1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury

Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed:

Limited –

Must meet the requirements of at least 1 of the 2 categories:

Category 1: Tests and documents

Any combination of 2 from the following:

- Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source
- Review of the result(s) of each unique test
- Ordering of each unique test

Category 2: Assessment requiring an independent historian(s)

Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management: Low risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment

CPT 99204 / 99214

Level: Moderate: Need 2 out of 3:

Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed:

Moderate

1 or more chronic illnesses with exacerbation, progression

OR

Side effects of treatment

OR

2 or more stable chronic illnesses

OR

1 undiagnosed new problem with uncertain prognosis

OR

1 acute illness with systemic symptoms

OR

1 acute complicated injury

Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed

Moderate –

Must meet the requirements of at least 1 out of 3 categories:

Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s)

Any combination of 3 from the following:

- Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source
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CPT 99205 / 99215

Level: High: Need 2 out of 3:

Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed

High:

1 or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment

OR

1 acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or bodily function

Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed

Extensive:

Must meet the requirements of at least 2 out of 3 categories:

Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s)

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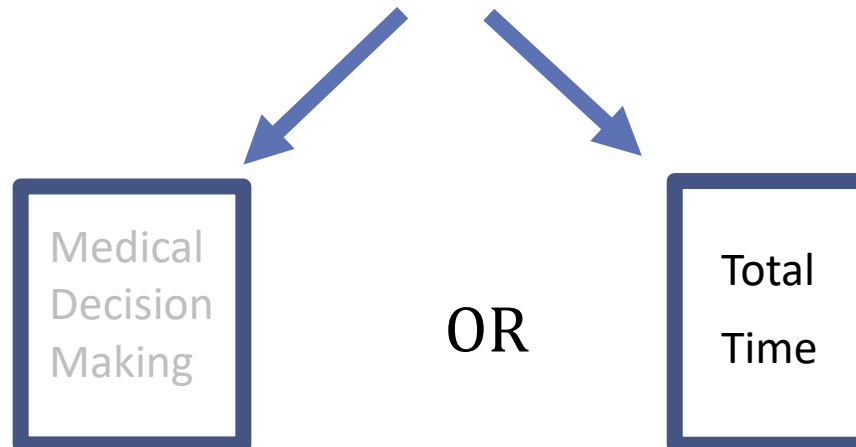


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Total Time

- Total time spent on the day of the encounter
- Includes both face-to-face time and non – face – to - face time

Total Time Spent Includes:

- Preparing to see the patient (eg, review of tests)
- Obtaining and/or reviewing separately obtained history
- Performing a medically appropriate examination and/or evaluation
- Counseling and educating the patient/family/caregiver

AND.....

Total Time Spent Includes:

cont.....

- Ordering medications, tests, or procedures
- Referring and communicating with other health care professionals
- Documenting clinical information in the electronic or other health record
- Independently interpreting results and communicating results to the patient/family/caregiver
- Care coordination

Time Value (Total Time)

CPT 99202 – 15-29 minutes

CPT 99203 – 30-44 minutes

CPT 99204 – 45-59 minutes

CPT 99205 – 60-74 minutes

Time Value (Total Time)

CPT 99212 – 10-19 minutes

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CPT 99214 – 30-39 minutes

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Initial Hospital Inpatient or Observation Care

CPT® code	MDM Level	Time (minutes)
99221	Straightforward or low	40
99222	Moderate	55
99223	High	75

Subsequent Hospital Inpatient or Observation Care

CPT® code	MDM Level	Time (minutes)
99231	Straightforward or low	25
99232	Moderate	35
99233	High	50

Office or Other Outpatient Consultation

CPT® code	MDM Level	Time (minutes)
99242	Straightforward	20
99243	Low	30
99244	Moderate	40
99245	High	55

Inpatient or Observation Consultation

CPT® code	MDM Level	Time (minutes)
99252	Straightforward	35
99253	Low	45
99254	Moderate	60
99255	High	80

Initial Nursing Facility Care

CPT® code	MDM Level	Time (minutes)
99304	Straightforward or Low	25
99305	Moderate	35
99306	High	45

Subsequent Nursing Facility Care

CPT® code	MDM Level	Time (minutes)
99307	Straightforward	10
99308	Low	15
99309	Moderate	30
99310	High	45

New Patient Home or Residence Services

CPT® code	MDM Level	Time (minutes)
99341	Straightforward	15
99342	Low	30
99344	Moderate	60
99345	High	75

Established Patient Home or Residence Services

CPT® code	MDM Level	Time (minutes)
99347	Straightforward	20
99348	Low	30
99349	Moderate	40
99350	High	60

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