# DOCUMENTATION ESSENTIALS CODING FOR OFFICE VISITS 99202-99215 FOR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS



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Coding tells a story: what, who, where

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# And, why

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ICD-10-CM

# MEDICAL NECESSITY

**ICD-10-CM CODE ESTABLISHED** 

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# E/M frequency established visits

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Code	CMS IM	CMS FP
99212	2.07%	1.99%
99213	35.93%	38.13%
99214	55.20%	55.06%
99215	4.89%	3.12%

# Code selection in 2021

Requirements for 99202—99215: code selection



Total practitioner time on the date of the visit

OR

Medical decision making elements:

- 1) Number and complexity of problems
- 2) Amount and/or complexity of data to be reviewed and analyzed
- 3) Risk of complications and/or morbidity or mortality of patient management

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## Time for codes 99202-99215

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Physician/other qualified health care professional time includes the following activities, when performed:

- Preparing to see the patient (eg: review of test results
- Obtaining and/or reviewing separately obtained history
- Performing a medically appropriate examination and/or evaluation

# Time for codes 99202-99215

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- Counseling and educating the patient/family/caregiver
- Ordering medications, tests, or procedures
- Referring and communicating with other health care professionals (when not separately reported)
- Documenting clinical information in the electronic or other health record

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# Time for codes 99202-99215

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- Independently interpreting results (not separately reported) and communicating results to the patient/family/caregiver
- Care coordination (not separately reported)

# New patients

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Code	Minutes	MDM
99202	15-29	Straightforward
99203	30-44	Low
99204	45-59	Moderate
99205	60-74	High

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# Established patients

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Code	Minutes	MDM
99212	10-19	Straightforward
99213	20-29	Low
99214	30-39	Moderate
99215	40-54	High

# History and/or examination

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- "...services include a medically appropriate history and/or physical exam, when performed"
- No longer key components for selecting a new or established patient visit
- Nature and extent of history and/or physical determined by clinician
- Care team may collect information, or entered through a portal

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# What this means to you

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Document only clinically relevant history and exam

The end of:

- "You didn't have enough systems in the ROS"
- "Only the billing practitioner can document the HPI"
- "The exam lowered the level"

Emphasis on information in assessment and plan

# Medical decision making: 2 of 3 required

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Code 2 of 3 elements Addressed		Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed	Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed "Each unique test, order, or document contributes to the combination of 2 or combination of 3 in Category I below	Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management	
99202 99212	Straight forward	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 categordes)  Category 1. Texts and documents Any combination of 2 from the following  Lector of prior external mote(s) from each unique source;  a. Lector of prior external mote(s) from each unique cource;  c. Lector of the result(s) of each unique text';  c. Ordering of each unique text' (S.  Category 2. Assessment requiring an independent historius(s))	Low risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment	
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	99203 99213	Low	2 or more self-limited or minor problems; or     1 stable chronic illness; or     1 acute uncomplicated illness or injury
	99204 99214	Moderate	*1 or more chronic illness with exacerbation, progression or side effects of treatment; OR *2 or more stable chronic illnesses; OR *1 undiagnosed new problem with uncertain outcome; OR *1 acute illness with systemic symptoms; OR *1 acute complicated injury
99205 99215 High Or *1 ac		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 in the near term without treatment

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# Problem addressed

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**Problem addressed:** Evaluated or treated during the encounter; notation that other professional is managing without additional assessment does not count as addressed; referral without evaluation does not qualify as addressed

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# Stable chronic illness

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 Stable chronic illness: expected duration of one year or until the death of patient, and stable defined by treatment goals for that patient

**"Examples** may include well-controlled hypertension, non-insulin dependent diabetes, cataract, or benign prostatic hyperplasia."

# Stable chronic illness

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Not at treatment goal is not considered stable

"For example, a patient with persistently poorly controlled blood pressure for whom better control is a goal is not stable, even if the pressures are not changing and the patient is asymptomatic. The risk of morbidity **without** treatment is significant.

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# Medical decision making

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# Ordering a test

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"Ordering a test is included in the category of test result(s) and the review of the test result is part of the encounter and not a subsequent encounter."

• If you order a test at an visit, count the order on the day you order the test. Do not also count reviewing the results at a subsequent visit.

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# Performance of test—new! Changed by the AMA 3/9/21

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"Tests that do not require separate interpretation (eg, tests that are results only)....may be counted as ordered or reviewed for selecting an MDM level."

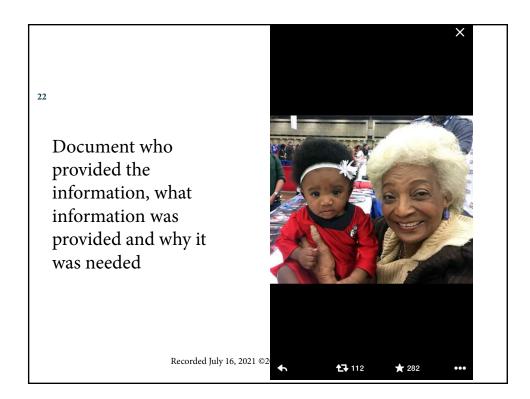
- AMA issued a "technical correction" 3/9/21
- You may count ordering a test that your practice bills for
- If you bill for a test with a professional and technical component (EKG), you may not credit the order or review

# Independent historian

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"Independent historian(s): An individual (eg, parent, guardian, surrogate, spouse, witness) who provides a history in addition to a history provided by the patient who is unable to provide a complete or reliable history (eg, due to developmental stage, dementia, or psychosis) or because a confirmatory history is judged to be necessary. In the case where there may be conflict or poor communication between multiple historians and more than one historian(s) is needed, the independent historian(s) requirement is met."

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# Independent interpretation

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"The interpretation of a test for which there is a CPT code and an interpretation or report is customary. This does not apply when the physician or other qualified health care professional is reporting the service or has previously reported the service for the patient. A form of interpretation should be documented, but need not conform to the usual standards of a complete report for the test."

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# Independent interpretation

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- A test with a CPT code
- A test for which a formal report is customary (many lab tests have results, and don't typically have a formal, written interpretation)
- A form of interpretation is documented

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### Elements of Medical Decision Making

Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed
\*Each unique test, order, or document contributes to the combination of 2 or
combination of 3 in Category 1 below

### 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)

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combination of 3 in Category 1 below

### 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)

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**Elements of Medical Decision Making** 

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(Must meet the requirements of at least 2 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

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	99203 99213	Low	Low risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
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# Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring

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- Drug with potential to cause serious morbidity or death
- Monitoring is not primarily for assessment of therapeutic efficacy
- Intensive monitoring may be long or short term, long term is no less than quarterly
- Monitoring may be by lab test, physiologic test or imaging, not history or exam

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# Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring

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- Examples include monitoring for cytopenia for antineoplastic agent or short term monitoring of electrolytes and renal function in patient undergoing diuresis.
- Doesn't qualify: annual electrolytes and renal function in a patient on a diuretic

Patient presents at the urging of a neighbor for a 1 cm by 1 cm red rash on his arm. Assessment: "Red area on arm. No concerns. Use moisturizing cream."

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			Elements of MDM (Based on 2 of 3 Elements)			
34	Code	Level of MDM	1) Number and Complexity of Problems addressed	2) Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed	3) Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management	
	99211	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	99202 99212	Straight- forward	Self limited problem	Minimal or none	Minimal risk	
	99203 99213	Low	Low	Limited	Low	
	99204 99214	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	
	99205 99215	High	High	Extensive	High	

Patient complains of heartburn of 2-week duration, mild severity. Assessment: GERD, OTC medications.

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99211	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
99202 99212	Straight- forward	Minimal	Minimal or none	Minimal risk
99203 99213	Low	Acute, uncomplicated illness	Limited	Low risk from OTC meds
99204 99214	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
99205 99215	High	High	Extensive	High

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9-month-old brought in by her Dad. Dad reports baby is fussy, not sleeping through the night, has a diaper rash. Eating well, wet diapers, normal bowel movements. There is a detailed history and exam. Assessment: diaper rash, teething, reassurance.

			Elements of MDM (Based on 2 of 3 Elements)		
3	Code	Level of MDM	1) Number and Complexity of Problems addressed	2) Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed	3) Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management
	99211	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	99202 99212	Straight- forward	Minimal	Minimal or none	Minimal risk
	99203 99213	Low	Acute, uncomplicated illness	Independent historian	Low risk
	99204 99214	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
	99205 99215	High	High	Extensive	High

Patient with ADHD presents for follow up and prescription renewal. Reports symptoms are well controlled. Assessment, "ADHD doing well. Continue same dose of medication"

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Elements of MI		of MDM (Based on	ADM (Based on 2 of 3 Elements)		
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	99211	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	99202 99212	Straight- forward	Minimal	Minimal or none	Minimal risk
	99203 99213	Low	Stable chronic illness	Limited	Low risk
	99204 99214	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate: prescriptior drug management
	99205 99215	High	High	Extensive	High

22 year old patient presents with palpitations. EKG ordered, done in the office, reviewed. EKG is billed by the practice. Assessment: palpitations. Normal EKG. Reassurance.

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99211	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
99202 99212	Straight- forward	Minimal	Minimal or none	Minimal risk	
99203 99213	Low	Acute uncomplicated illness	Limited	Low risk	
99204 99214	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	
99205 99215	High	High	Extensive	High	

# **Explanation**

- No credit for ordering or reviewing the EKG, because billed by the practice.
- No credit for independent interpretation, because professional component billed by the practice.

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# Common scenarios 99203/99213

- Acute, uncomplicated illness, low risk, could be OTC meds
- Acute, uncomplicated illness, independent historian or two lab tests ordered
- One stable chronic illness, Rx drugs

Patient with ADHD presents for follow up and prescription renewal. Reports symptoms are not well -controlled. Difficulty concentrating and with task completion. Assessment: ADHD not at goal. Prefers to continue same dose of medication, but gave him a referral for therapy.

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			Elements of MDM (Based on 2 of 3 Elements)		
46	Code	Level of MDM	1) Number and Complexity of Problems addressed	2) Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed	3) Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management
	99211	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	99202 99212	Straight- forward	Minimal	Minimal or none	Minimal risk
	99203 99213	Low	Low	Limited	Low risk
	99204 99214	Moderate	Chronic illness with exacerbation	Moderate	Moderate: prescription drug management
	99205 99215	High	High	Extensive	High

Patient presents for management of chronic problems. She reports one is well controlled, but is experiencing symptoms from the second. Assessment: Problem A: doing well, continue current meds. Problem B: Still experiencing symptoms, suggested adjustment to medications.

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	99211	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	99202 99212	Straight- forward	Minimal	Minimal or none	Minimal risk
	99203 99213	Low	Low	Limited	Low risk
	99204 99214	Moderate	Chronic illness with exacerbation	Moderate	Moderate: prescription drug management
	99205 99215	High	High	Extensive	High

Patient presents for treatment of diabetes, CKD, hypertension and high cholesterol. Physician orders HgbA1c (done in the office at the visit and billed by practice), CBC, lipids and BMP sent out. Reviews renal function test ordered at prior visit. Assessment: Diabetes: fair control; CKD, stage 2, stable; hypertension at goal; high cholesterol: need to check lipids. Prescription drugs renewed.

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## 99204/99214

### DATA:

- HgbA1c done in office may be credited as of 3/9/21
- CBC, lipids and BMP all sent to outside lab: can credit three unique tests ordered
- Renal function tests ordered at prior visit, reviewed today: can't credit review; review is considered part of the order

			Elements of MDM (Based on 2 of 3 Elements)		
C	ode	Level of MDM	1) Number and Complexity of Problems addressed	2) Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed	3) Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management
	)202 )212	Straight- forward	Minimal	Minimal or none	Minimal risk
	)203 )213	Low	Low	Limited	Low risk
	0204	Moderate	Chronic illness with exacerbation; or two stable chronic conditions	Moderate	Moderate: prescription drug management
	)205 )215	High	High	Extensive	High

Patient seen after a visit to Urgent Care Center over the weekend. Seen for cough, SOB, wheezing, chest tightness and fever. Diagnosis on discharge from UCC was asthma exacerbation with viral illness. At the office visit, patient is better, but still wheezing. Assessment: asthma exacerbation. Added a long-acting inhaler.

### DATA:

- Reviewed UCC note (one unique note)
- Reviewed two labs done at UCC (two unique test results)
- Personally viewed the chest x-ray (independent interpretation)

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			Elements of MDM (Based on 2 of 3 Elements)			
54	Code	Level of MDM	1) Number and Complexity of Problems addressed	2) Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed	3) Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management	
	99211	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	99202 99212	Straight- forward	Minimal	Minimal or none	Minimal risk	
	99203 99213	Low	Low	Limited	Low risk	
	99204 99214	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate: prescription drug management	
	99205 99215	High	High	Extensive	High	

Based on number and complexity of problems and risk:

- Two or more stable chronic problems with prescription drug management
- One chronic problem (not at goal for patient) with exacerbation, progression or side effect of treatment with prescription drug management or with diagnosis or treatment significantly limited by social determinants of health
- Multiple chronic problems, none with severe exacerbation and prescription drug management

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# 99205/99215

Patient with Crohn's disease comes into the office after three days of worsening pain and diarrhea. Today, his stool was bloody. He is dehydrated and has lost weight since last seen. Assessment: severe exacerbation of Crohn's. Patient sent to ED, called and spoke with hospitalist. May need to consider surgical option at this point.

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99202 99212	011-01-0	Minimal	Minimal or none	Minimal risk
99203 99213	Low	Low	Limited	Low risk
99204 99214	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate: discussion of management	Moderate
99205 99215	High	High: severe exacerbation of chronic condition	Extensive	High: decision regarding hospitalization

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Code	Level of MDM 2 of 3 elements	Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed	Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed *Each unique test, order, or document contributes to the combination of 2 or combination of 3 in Category 1 below	Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management
99202 99212	Straight forward	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 (Most meet the requirements of at least 1 of the 2 categories)  Category 1 Traits and documents  Any combination of 2 from the following  Berkiev of prior cetteral note(s) from each unique source;  Berkiev of the result(s) of each unique test";  Cribering of each unique test" (N  Category 2. Assessment requiring an independent historizatio)	Low risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
99204 99214	Moderate	Moderate  lor more chronic fileness with exacerbatin, progresion, or side efficies of response, for the control of the control	Moderate (Mont meet the requirements of a lexal 1 so (of 3 setepartes)  (Léngery 1. Text, documents on a dependent historiate)  Any combination of 5 from the following  Between of prior external netol(5) from each unique nouse  Desired of the results) of each unique text;  Onclaring of each unique text;  Ancessment requiring independent historiates), or  Category 3. Independent interpretation of text Independent interpretation of a text performed by another physician/other qualifies health care professional  (on separately reported), or  Category 3. Decusion of management or text interpretation  Discussion of management or text interpretation of the procession of the pr	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 treatments againflicating hunted by social determinants of health
99205 99215	High	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	Extensive  (Moust meet the requirements of at least 2 out of 3 categories) (on the field right above.)	High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment  Examples only.  Drug theory; requiring intensive annimitaring for stackey.  Drug theory; requiring intensive procedure with identified patient or procedure risk factors.  Decision regarding mercy major surgery.  Decision regarding mercy major surgery.  Decision regarding hospitalization  Decision not for resocutate or to de-sculate care because of poor prognosis.

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