

E&M Hospital IP and OBS Initial/Subsequent Coding (MDM Based on 2 of 3 Components)

E/M LEVEL, MDM, {time in min.}	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 doc. reviewed counts)	<u>RISK</u> OF COMPLICATIONS, and/or MORBIDITY/MORTALITY OF PATIENT MANAGEMENT
99221 {40} 99231 {25} 99234 {45} Low MDM	LOW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 or more self-limited or minor prob. OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 chronic stable illness OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 acute, uncomplicated illness/injury OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 acute, uncomplicated illness/injury requiring IP or OBS level of care OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 stable, acute illness 	<p style="text-align: center;">(Must Meet 1 of 2 Categories)</p> <u>Category 1:</u> Tests and documents (any 2) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of prior external note(s) from EACH unique source 2. Review results of EACH unique test 3. Order of EACH unique test OR <u>Category 2:</u> Assessment requiring an independent historian	Low risk for undergoing additional testing/treatment Consider: OTC drugs, non-contrast imaging, PT/OT, skin bx, minor surgery
99222 {55} 99232 {35} 99235 {70} Moderate MDM	MODERATE NUMBER AND COMPLEXITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One or more chronic illnesses with exacerbation, progression, or treatment of side effects • 2 or more chronic stable illnesses • New prob w/ uncertain prognosis • Acute illness with systemic symptoms • Acute complicated injury 	<p style="text-align: center;">(Must Meet 1 of 3 Categories: Moderate)</p> <u>Category 1:</u> Tests, documents, historian (any 3) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. *Review of prior external note(s) from EACH unique source 2. *Review results of EACH unique test 3. *Order of EACH unique test 4. Assessment requiring an independent historian. OR <u>Category 2:</u> Independent interpretation of tests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent interpretation of tests performed by another provider (not separately billed) OR <u>Category 3:</u> Discussion of management or test interpretation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss mgmt./interpretation of test with another provider (not separately billed) 	Moderate risk of morbidity from additional tests/treatment Consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rx mgmt., • Discussion regarding minor surgery w/ patient or procedure risk factors • Discussion regarding elective major surgery w/o risk factors • Diagnosis or treatment significantly limited by social determinants of health
99223 {75} 99233 {50} 99236 {85} High MDM	HIGH NUMBER AND COMPLEXITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 or more chronic illness with severe exacerbation, progression, or treatment side effects • Acute/chronic illness that may pose threat to life or bodily function 	<p style="text-align: center;">(Must Meet 2 of 3 Categories: High)</p>	High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment Consider: Drug therapy req. intensive monitoring for toxicity, Decision regarding hospital care (admit/escalate), Decision regarding elective major surgery w/ patient and/or procedure risk factors, Decision to de-escalate care/decide DNR due to poor prog, IV controlled substance use

E&M **IP/OBS Hosp Consults** Coding (MDM Based on 2 of 3 Components) – No for CMS/Medicare

E/M LEVEL, MDM, {time} (99251 deleted)	NUMBER AND COMPLEXITY OF PROBLEMS ADDRESSED	AMOUNT AND/OR COMPLEXITY OF DATA TO BE REVIEWED AND ANALYZED (Each unique test, order, or doc. reviewed counts)	RISK OF COMPLICATIONS, and/or MORBIDITY/MORTALITY OF PATIENT MANAGEMENT
99252 {35} Straightfwd MDM	MINIMAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One self-limited or minor prob. 	Minimal but usually none	Minimal risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing/treatment.
99253 {45} Low MDM	LOW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 or more self-limited or minor prob. OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 chronic stable illness OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 acute, uncomplicated illness/injury OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 acute, uncomplicated illness/injury requiring IP or OBS level of care OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 stable, acute illness 	<p style="text-align: center;">(Must Meet 1 of 2 Categories)</p> <u>Category 1:</u> Tests and documents (any 2) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review of prior external note(s) from EACH unique source Review results of EACH unique test Order of EACH unique test OR <u>Category 2:</u> Assessment requiring an independent historian	Low risk for undergoing additional testing/treatment Consider: OTC drugs, non-contrast imaging, PT/OT, skin bx, minor surgery
99254 {60} Moderate MDM	MODERATE NUMBER AND COMPLEXITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One or more chronic illnesses with exacerbation, progression, or treatment of side effects 2 or more chronic stable illnesses New prob w/ uncertain prognosis Acute illness with systemic symptoms Acute complicated injury 	<p style="text-align: center;">(Must Meet 1 of 3 Categories: Moderate)</p> <u>Category 1:</u> Tests, documents, historian (any 3) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> *Review of prior external note(s) from EACH unique source *Review results of EACH unique test *Order of EACH unique test Assessment requiring an independent historian. OR <u>Category 2:</u> Independent interpretation of tests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent interpretation of tests performed by another provider (not separately billed) 	Moderate risk of morbidity from additional tests/treatment Consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rx mgmt., Discussion regarding minor surgery w/ patient or procedure risk factors Discussion regarding elective major surgery w/o risk factors Diagnosis or treatment significantly limited by social determinants of health
99255 {80} High MDM	HIGH NUMBER AND COMPLEXITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 or more chronic illness with severe exacerbation, progression, or treatment side effects Acute/chronic illness that may pose threat to life or bodily function 	OR <u>Category 3:</u> Discussion of management or test interpretation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss mgmt./interpretation of test with another provider (not separately billed) <p style="text-align: center;">(Must Meet 2 of 3 Categories: High)</p>	High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment Consider: Drug therapy req. intensive monitoring for toxicity, Decision regarding hospital care (admit/escalate), Decision regarding elective major surgery w/ patient and/or procedure risk factors, Decision to de-escalate care/decide DNR due to poor prog, IV controlled substance use

2024 Prolonged Service Threshold Crosswalk

Primary E&M (time-based)	CMS code*	Time Threshold (min)*	CPT code#	Time Threshold (min)#
Est OV (99215)	+G2212	69	+99417	55
New OV (99205)	+G2212	89	+99417	75
Initial Hosp. (99223)	+G3016	90	+99418	90
Subsequent Hosp. (99233)	+G3016	65	+99418	65
Admit/Discharge (99236)	+G3016@	110	+99418	100
Init Nursing Facility (99306)	+G3017@@	95	+99418	65
Subsequent NF (99310)	+G3017@@	85	+99418	60
New Home/residence (99345)	+G3018@@@	140	+99417	90
Est Home/residence (99350)	+G3018@@@	110	+99417	75
Cognitive Assessment (99483)	+G2212@@@	100	+99417	75

*Time for primary E/M plus one unit of 15-min add-on code. Table 24, CMS Final Rule, 2023. #AMA CPT 2024 Professional Ed. p30-33.

@ Time on day of care, plus 3d after; @@ Time on day before, day of and 3d after care; @@@ Time on 3 days before, day of, and 7d after care

Critical Care: CMS and Commercial

CMS/Medicare Guidelines

Total Duration of Critical Care per CMS	Code(s)
Less than 30 minutes	Appropriate E/M Code
30-103 minutes	99291 x 1
104-133 minutes	99291 x 1 and 99292 x 1
134-163 minutes	99291 x 1 and 99292 x 2
164-193 minutes	99291 x 1 and 99292 x 3
194 minutes or longer	99291 x 1 and 99292 as appropriate (see illustrated reporting examples above)

CPT Guidelines / Commercial Carriers

- 99291 is OK for critical care if over 30 min for both
- For CMS: need to eclipse 104 for added 99292
- For Commercial: +99292 can be billed at 75 minutes

Total Duration of Critical Care	Code(s)
Less than 30 minutes	Appropriate E/M Code
30-74 minutes	99291 x 1
75-104 minutes	99291 x 1 and 99292 x 1
105-134 minutes	99291 x 1 and 99292 x 2
135-164 minutes	99291 x 1 and 99292 x 3
165-194 minutes	99291 x 1 and 99292 x 4
195 minutes or longer	99291 x 1 and 99292 as appropriate (see illustrated reporting examples above)

The Discharge Summary: Billable Service

- Inpatient/Observation care services (**wRVUs**)
 - 99238 (<30 minutes of time involved) **1.28**
 - 99239 (30+ minutes of time involved) **1.90**
- Observation (outpatient) care services
 - 99234-99236 admit/discharge same day
 - 99234 (**2.56**); 99235 (**3.24**); 99236 (**4.20**)
- Nursing home admission is separately billable even if performed on the same day (same provider)
 - 99307-99310 (01/2023)