

Medical Decision-Making (MDM)	Must document 2 out of 3 of A,B, or C to get overall MDM level							
Element	New Patient				Established Patient			
	99202	99203	99204	99205	99212	99213	99214	99215
A. Problems/Management Options: Select higher score from A1 or A2:								
A1. # of Problems Evaluated / Managed or co-morbid problems considered	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
A2. # of Management Options Performed / Planned	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
B. Diagnostic Data Reviewed / Ordered	0 - 1	2	3	4	0 - 1	2	3	4
C. Level of Risk Morbidity / Mortality Before Next Encounter	Minimal	Low	Moderate	High	Minimal	Low	Moderate	High
Overall MDM	Straight-forward	Low	Moderate	High	Straight-forward	Low	Moderate	High
Minimal Documentation Required to Support E/M Level	CC + HPI + ROS + Exam + Straight-forward MDM MDM	CC + HPI + ROS + PFSH + Exam + Low MDM	CC + HPI + ROS + PFSH + Exam + Moderate MDM	CC + HPI + ROS + PFSH + Exam + High MDM	CC + HPI + Straight-forward MDM OR CC+ Exam + Straight-forward MDM	CC + HPI + ROS + Low MDM OR CC + Exam + Low MDM	CC+ HPI + ROS + PFSH + Moderate MDM OR CC + Exam + Moderate MDM	CC+ HPI+ROS+PFSH + High MDM OR CC + Exam + High MDM

Medical Decision Making Reference			
A1. Number of Problems: A "problem" is defined as a definitive diagnosis, or, for undiagnosed problems, a related group of presenting symptoms and/or clinical findings			
EACH new or established problem evaluated and/or managed: Definitive diagnosis and/or treatment plan documented; and/or EACH co-morbidity (definitive diagnosis) affecting medical decision-making of managed problems; and/or EACH undiagnosed problem and no plausible differential diagnoses, co-morbidities, or complications			1 Point Each
Acute uncomplicated systemic illness or problem with an extenuating circumstance, risk factors, or other conditions causing the problem to exceed the CPT® definition of a self-limited/minor problem (not counted in other rows in A.1)			2 points (Max 1 problem)
EACH new or established problem evaluated and/or managed: no definitive diagnosis and/or treatment plan documented; further diagnostic evaluation is required and documented; plausible differential diagnoses, co-morbidities, complications are documented (but are not coded separately)		Non-definitive diagnosis with plausible differential diagnoses, co-morbidities, or complications	2 differentials = 2 pts 3 differentials = 3 pts 4 differentials = 4 pts
Points	A2. Management Options Point Reference	Points	B. Diagnostic Data Reviewed/Ordered Point Reference
1 point each	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managing 1-3 prescription medications for a problem, per problem Chronic disease management: care plan oversight modifications documented (where coding for Care Plan Oversight is not assigned during same encounter): Review/modify goals with patient, address barriers, enter/track referrals; documented for 1-3 chronic conditions Perform/plan major/minor surgical procedure Perform/plan PT/OT Admit to observation Order/give injection/immunization or perform therapeutic and/or diagnostic joint, body cavity, soft tissue, etc. injection/aspiration Preventative counseling (when preventative E/M not used in the same encounter w/ office E/M) Discuss case with other physician (excluding resident or intern discussing with attending) IV fluid/fluid component replacement (not standard facility protocol), IV with medications Initial treatment/management for fracture/dislocation, initial Ortho eval after initial treatment performed, follow-up care (cast change, etc.) Conservative measures such as rest, ice bandages, dietary Patient educated on self or home care topics or techniques (fall precautions, educating on pediatric OTC meds, etc.) Other-specify (Examples: putting a patient on a physical profile) 	1 point each	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review/order 1-3 Labs Review/order 1-3 Radiology procedures Review/order 1-3 diagnostic tests found in Medicine section of CPT® Discuss case with other physician managing patient's care or request consult from other physician (referral does not count) Discuss test results with performing physician Order or review old records, no summary Obtain history from someone other than patient (documentation must show patient incapacitated thus unable to provide history) Review of significant physiologic monitoring or testing data not reported for separate payment (e.g., home glucose log) 1 point for each radiology image, EKG tracing, or lab (pathology) specimen not separately reported that is independently visualized & the interpretation is documented (when provider MTF credentialed to do so)
2 points each	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managing ≥ 4 prescription medications for a problem, per problem Chronic disease management: care plan oversight modifications (where coding for Care Plan Oversight is not assigned during same encounter): Review/modify goals with patient, address barriers, enter/track referrals; documented for ≥ four chronic conditions Complex insulin prescription (SC or combo), hyperalimentation, insulin drip, or other complex IV admix prescription 	2 points each	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review/order ≥ 4 Labs Review/order ≥ 4 Radiology procedures Review/order ≥ 4 diagnostic tests found in Medicine section of CPT Order or review old records, with summary
Level	C. Level of Risk Reference (Choose the highest of the three columns)		
	Nature of Presenting Illness/Problem(s)	Diagnostic Procedure Ordered	Management Options Selected
Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 self-limited or minor problems; e.g., cold, insect bite, tinea corporis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lab tests - venipuncture Chest x-rays Urinalysis KOH prep EKG/EEG Ultrasound, or echocardiography 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rest Gargles Elastic Bandages Superficial dressings
Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 or more self-limited or minor problems 1 stable chronic illness; e.g., well controlled HTN or NIDDM, cataract, BPH Acute uncomplicated illness or injury; (cystitis, allergic rhinitis, simple sprain) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physiological tests not under stress; e.g., PFTs Non-cardiovascular imaging studies with contrast; e.g., barium enema Superficial needle biopsies; skin biopsies Lab tests - arterial puncture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OTC drug management PT/OT IV fluids without additives Minor surgery with no identified risk factors
Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 or more chronic illnesses w/ mild exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment 2 or more stable chronic illnesses Undiagnosed new problem with uncertain prognosis, e.g., lump in breast Acute illness with systemic symptoms, e.g., pyelonephritis, pneumonitis, colitis Acute complicated injury e.g., head injury with brief LOC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physiologic tests under stress, e.g., cardiac stress test, fetal stress test Deep needle or incisional biopsy Diagnostic endoscopies with no identified risk factors Cardio imaging studies w/contrast and no identified risk factors, e.g., arteriogram, cardiac catheterization Obtain fluid from body cavity, e.g., lumbar puncture thoracentesis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor surgery with identified risk factors Elective major surgery (open, percutaneous, or endoscopic) with no identified risk factors Prescription drug management IV fluids with additives Therapeutic nuclear medicine Closed treatment of fracture or dislocation without manipulation
High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 or more chronic illness with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment Acute or chronic illnesses or injuries that may pose a threat to life or bodily function, e.g., multiple trauma, acute MI, pulmonary embolus, severe respiratory distress, progressive severe RA, psychiatric illness with potential threat to self or others, peritonitis, acute renal failure Abrupt change in neurological status, e.g., seizures, TIA, weakness, or sensory loss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cardio imaging studies with contrast with identified risk factors Cardiac electrophysiological tests Diagnostic endoscopies with identified risk factors Discography 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elective major surgery (open, percutaneous, or endoscopic) with identified risk factors Emergency major surgery (open, percutaneous, or endoscopic) Parenteral controlled substances Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity DNR or to de-escalate care because of poor prognosis