

Office or Other Outpatient Services

Office/Outpatient E/M services codes can be used to report E/M services provided in an outpatient setting, including the provider's office, the emergency department, or any outpatient area of a facility such as the hospital. The following charts show the documentation and selection criteria:

3 of 3 key components required (History, Exam, MDM) OR Total Time

New Patient	99201	99202	99203	99204	99205
HISTORY					
CC*	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
HPI*	1-3 elements	1-3 elements	4 + elements	4 + elements	4 + elements
ROS*	N/A	Pertinent	2-9 systems	10-14 systems	10-14 systems
PFSH*	N/A	N/A	1 of 3 elements	3 of 3 elements	3 of 3 elements
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION					
1997 Elements	1-5	6-11	12 or >	Comprehensive	Comprehensive
1995 Systems	System of complaint	2-4	5-7	8 or >	8 or >
MEDICAL DECISION MAKING					
	Straightforward	Straight-forward	Low	Moderate	High
TIME					
Face-to-face Time	10 min.	20 min.	30 min.	45 min.	60 min.

2 of 3 key components required (History, Exam, MDM) OR Total Time

Established Patient	99211	99212	99213	99214	99215
HISTORY					
CC*	N/A	Required	Required	Required	Required
HPI*	N/A	1-3 elements	1-3 elements	4 + elements	4 + elements
ROS*	N/A	N/A	Pertinent	2-9 systems	10-14 systems
PFSH*	N/A	N/A	N/A	1 of 3 elements	2 of 3 elements
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION					
1997 Elements	N/A	1-5	6-11	12 or >	Comprehensive
1995 Systems	N/A	System of Complaint	2-4	5-7	8 or >
MEDICAL DECISION MAKING					
	N/A	Straight-forward	Low	Moderate	High
TIME					
Face-to-face Time	5 min. Supervision	10 min.	15 min.	25 min.	40 min.

* All 4 history elements must be met

Time can only be used if >50% of encounters involve counseling/coordination of care.

Consultations

Outpatient consultation codes (99241-99245) are used to report consultations provided in any outpatient or other ambulatory facility, including observation care area or the ED. **Inpatient consultation** codes (99251-99255) are used for consultations provided to hospital inpatients, nursing facility residents, or patients in a partial hospital setting.

3 of 3 key components required (History, Exam, MDM) OR Total Time

Outpatient Inpatient	99241 99251	99242 99252	99243 99253	99244 99254	99245 99255
HISTORY					
CC*	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
HPI*	1-3 elements	1-3 elements	4 + elements	4 + elements	4 + elements
ROS*	N/A	Pertinent	2-9 systems	10-14 systems	10-14 systems
PFSH*	N/A	N/A	1 of 3 elements	3 of 3 elements	3 of 3 elements
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION					
1997 Elements	1-5	6-11	12 or >	Comprehensive	Comprehensive
1995 Systems	System of Complaint	2-4	5-7	8 or >	8 or >
MEDICAL DECISION MAKING					
	Straight-forward	Straight-forward	Low	Moderate	High
TIME					
OP.: Face-to-face	15 min.	30 min.	40 min.	60 min.	80 min.
IP.: Unit/Floor	20 min.	40 min.	55 min.	80 min.	110 min.

* All 4 history elements must be met

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Hospital/Inpatient Services

Inpatient hospital services are divided into two main categories: **initial and subsequent**. The following charts show the documentation and selection criteria:

3 of 3 key components required (History, Exam, MDM) OR Total Time

Initial	99221	99222	99223
HISTORY			
CC*	Required	Required	Required
HPI*	4 + elements	4 + elements	4 + elements
ROS*	2-9 OR 10-14 systems	10-14 systems	10-14 systems
PFSH*	1 of 3 OR 3 of 3 elements	3 of 3 elements	3 of 3 elements
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION			
1997 elements	12 or > OR Comprehensive	Comprehensive	Comprehensive
1995 systems	5-7	8 or >	8 or >
MEDICAL DECISION MAKING			
MDM	Straight-forward OR Low	Moderate	High
TIME			
Unit/Floor	30 min.	50 min.	70 min.

2 of 3 key components required (History, Exam, MDM) OR Total Time

Subsequent	99231	99232	99233
HISTORY			
CC*	Required	Required	Required
HPI*	1-3 elements	1-3 elements	4 + elements
ROS*	N/A	Pertinent	2-9 systems
PFSH*	N/A	N/A	N/A
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION			
1997 Elements	1-5	6-11	12 or >
1995 Systems	System of complaint	2-4	5 or >
MEDICAL DECISION MAKING			
MDM	Straightforward/Low	Moderate	High
TIME			
Unit/Floor	15 min. 10 min.	25 min. 20 min.	35 min. 30 min.

* All 4 history elements must be met

Time can only be used if >50% of encounters involve counseling/coordination of care.