

2021 Outpatient E&M Coding

Diagnoses: Number Complexity	Data: Amount or Complexity	Risk:Morbidity from Testing or Treatment	Medical Decision Making
1 MSL		Minimal	Straightforward
2 MSL 1 Acute 1 Chronic	IH or 2 of 3: Test or note reviewed, test ordered	Low	Low Complexity
Moderate (anything between low and high)	1 of 3: 3 IH/Tests/Notes Interpretation Discussion	Moderate	Moderate Complexity
1 Chronic with <u>severe</u> E/P/SE or Threat to life/function	2 of 3: 3 IH/Tests Interpretation Discussion	High	High Complexity

MSL: minor self limited; IH: independent historian;
E/P/SE: exacerbation/progression/side effects of treatment

- **Code highest 2 of 3**

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2021 Outpatient Time Based Coding

New	Minutes	Established	Minutes
99202	15 - 29	99212	10 - 19
99203	30 - 44	99213	20 - 29
99204	45 - 59	99214	30 - 39
99205	60 - 74	99215	40 - 54
99205 +G2212	89-103	99215 +G2212	69-83

For each additional 15 minutes above the maximum for 99205 and 99215 add +G2212

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