

Time

Provider's time includes the following activities, when performed (check all that apply):

- Preparing to see the patient (e.g., reviewing the patient's record)
- Obtaining and/or reviewing separately obtained history
- Counseling and educating the patient, family and/or caregiver
- Ordering prescription medications, tests or procedures
- Referring and communicating with other health care providers when not separately reported during the visit
- Documenting clinical information in the electronic or other health record
- Independently interpreting results when not separately reported
- Communicating results to the patient/family/caregiver
- Coordinating the care of the patient when not separately reported

Do not include time spent by staff

Only include time for activities on the date of the patient encounter



Coding and Chart Reviews

The services provided by ACI are performed in accordance with the applicable professional standards by a Certified Professional Coders (CPC) with the applicable experience.

ACI reviews include, but are not limited to:

- Annual and/or Focused Chart Reviews
- Due Diligence
- Independent Review Organization (IRO)
- Medicare Risk Adjustment (MRA/HCC)
- Medical Necessity
- Response to Medicare or other payer audits



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E/M Visit Coding Tool

Knowing how to determine Medical Decision Making is key in determining the correct level of E&M services.

In this age of EMRs, being able to choose the right code is more important than ever. This tool can help!

This tool should only be used with Acevedo Consulting Incorporated's E/M Supplement.



Number/Complexity of Problems Addressed

High (L5)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment <input type="checkbox"/> 1 acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or bodily function
Moderate (L4)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 or more chronic illnesses with exacerbation, progression or side effects of treatment <input type="checkbox"/> 2 or more stable, chronic illnesses <input type="checkbox"/> 1 undiagnosed new problem with uncertain prognosis <input type="checkbox"/> 1 acute illness with systemic symptoms <input type="checkbox"/> 1 acute, complicated injury
Low (L3)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 or more self-limited or minor problems <input type="checkbox"/> 1 stable, chronic illness <input type="checkbox"/> 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury <input type="checkbox"/> 1 stable, acute illness <input type="checkbox"/> 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury requiring hospital inpatient or observation level of care
Straight-Forward (L2)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Self-limited or minor problem

Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management

High (L5)	<input type="checkbox"/> High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment Examples <input type="checkbox"/> Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity <input type="checkbox"/> Decision regarding elective major surgery with identified patient or procedure risk factors <input type="checkbox"/> Decision regarding emergency major surgery <input type="checkbox"/> Decision regarding hospitalization or escalation of hospital-level care <input type="checkbox"/> Decision not to resuscitate or to de-escalate care because of poor prognosis <input type="checkbox"/> Parenteral controlled substances
Moderate (L4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment Examples <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription drug management <input type="checkbox"/> Decision regarding minor surgery with identified patient or procedure risk factors <input type="checkbox"/> Decision regarding elective major surgery without identified patient or procedure risk factors <input type="checkbox"/> Diagnosis or treatment significantly limited by social determinants of health
Low (L3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Low risk of morbidity from additional testing or treatment
Straight-Forward (L2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Minimal risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment

Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed

Level of Risk		<i>*Each unique test, order, or document contributes to the combination of 2 or combination of 3 in Category 1 below.</i>			
Extensive (L5)	Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s) Any combination of 3 from the following: <input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed <i>and analyzed</i> prior external note(s) from each unique source* <input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed <i>and analyzed</i> the result(s) of each unique test* <input type="checkbox"/> Ordering of each unique test* <input type="checkbox"/> Assessment requiring an independent historian(s) OR	Met the requirements at least 2 out of the 3 categories? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
	Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other qualified health care professional/appropriate source (not separately reported)				
Moderate (L4)	Category 1: Tests, documents or independent historian(s) Any combination of 3 from the following: <input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed <i>and analyzed</i> prior external note(s) from each unique source* <input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed <i>and analyzed</i> the results(s) of each unique test* <input type="checkbox"/> Ordering of each unique test* <input type="checkbox"/> Assessment requiring an independent historian(s) OR	Met the requirements at least 1 out of the 3 categories? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
	Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other qualified health care professional/appropriate source (not separately reported)				
Limited (L3)	Category 1: Tests and documents Any combination of 2 from the following <input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed <i>and analyzed</i> prior external note(s) from each unique source* <input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed <i>and analyzed</i> the result(s) or each unique test* <input type="checkbox"/> Ordering of each unique test* OR	Met the requirements at least 1 out of the 2 categories? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
	Category 2: Assessment requiring an independent historian(s) <i>(For the categories of independent interpretation of tests and discussion of management or test interpretation, see moderate or high)</i>				
Straightforward (L2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Minimal or None				

Medical Decision Making	99202/99212	99203/99213	99204/99214	99205/99215
Number/Complexity or Problems Addressed	Minimal	Low	Moderate	High
Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management	Minimal	Low	Moderate	High
Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed	Minimal/None	Limited	Moderate	Extensive

MDM Level: _____

Two out of three elements of medical decision making (2 of the 3 tables) must meet or exceed to qualify for a given level of medical decision making.