

E/M Levels of Service

EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS: Must address ALL 3 of History, Exam, and MDM

CPT CODE	HISTORY			EXAM		MEDICAL DECISION MAKING
	HPI	ROS	PFSH	1995 Organs	1997 Elements	
99281	1	N/A	N/A	1	1-5	Minimal
99282	1	1	N/A	2-7	6 or more	Low
99283	1	1	N/A	2-7	2 elements of 6 organs or 12 elements of 2 or more organs	Moderate
99284	4	2	1	2-7 With detail in 1 system	2 elements of 9 organs	Moderate
99285	4	10	2 of 3	8 or more	2 elements of 9 organs	High

CRITICAL CARE SERVICES – TIME BASED

CPT CODE	TIME SPENT	DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS
Use the appropriate E/M Code	LESS THAN 30 MINUTES	✓ Documentation should reflect the requirements for the CPT code selected
99291	30 - 74 MINUTES	<i>The provider's note should indicate:</i>
99292 (Never reported alone)	EACH ADDITIONAL 30 MINUTES	✓ The patient's condition is life threatening or they are in imminent danger of organ failure ✓ The details of assessment, treatment plan & any other services provided ✓ The amount of time spent giving care **Not all visits to the ICU qualify as Critical Care**

INPATIENT NEONATAL & PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE SERVICES

CPT CODE	DESCRIPTION
99468	INITIAL inpatient neonatal critical care, per day, for neonate 28 days old or younger
99469	SUBSEQUENT inpatient neonatal critical care, per day, for neonate 28 days old or younger
99471	INITIAL inpatient pediatric critical care, per day, infant or young child, 29 days – 24 months old
99472	SUBSEQUENT inpatient pediatric critical care, per day, infant or young child, 29 days – 24 months old
99475	INITIAL inpatient pediatric critical care, per day, infant or young child, 2 – 5 years old
99476	SUBSEQUENT inpatient pediatric critical care, per day, infant or young child, 2 – 5 years old

*Note: Total Encounter Time Language: **“More than ½ of this __ minute visit was spent in counseling & coordination of care”**.

You must document the total time spent on the encounter **AND**:

- If counseling, what was discussed,
- If coordinating care, what was done for coordination this purpose.



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OFFICE VISITS (Key components must meet or exceed requirements to qualify for the E/M code)

NEW PATIENT: Must address ALL 3 of History, Exam, and MDM

CPT CODE	HISTORY			EXAM		MEDICAL DECISION MAKING	TOTAL ENCOUNTER TIME
	HPI	ROS	PFSH	1995 Organs	1997 Elements		
99201	1	N/A	N/A	1	1-5	Minimal	10*
99202	1	1	N/A	2-7	6 or more	Minimal	20*
99203	4	2	1	2-7 With detail in 1 system	2 elements of 6 organs or 12 elements of 2 or more organs	Low	30*
99204	4	10	3	8 or more	2 elements of 9 organs	Moderate	45*
99205	4	10	3	8 or more	2 elements of 9 organs	High	60*

ESTABLISHED PATIENT: Must address 2 of 3 History, Exam, and MDM

CPT CODE	HISTORY			EXAM		MEDICAL DECISION MAKING	TOTAL ENCOUNTER TIME
	HPI	ROS	PFSH	1995 Organs	1997 Elements		
99211 *Non MD visit (e.g. RN, Pharmacist)	May not require the presence of a MD. MD must review notes and sign.			QUALIFYING VISITS: *BP checks * Glucose checks * + PPD reading * ProTime/Coumadin Levels Document interval history & vitals – discuss results Services should be medically necessary and appropriately documented in the medical record.			5*
99212	1	N/A	N/A	1	1-5	Minimal	10*
99213	1	1	N/A	2-7	6 or more	Low	15*
99214	4	2	1	2-7 With detail in 1 system	2 elements of 6 organs or 12 elements of 2 or more organs	Moderate	25*
99215	4	10	2 of 3	8 or more	2 elements of 9 organs	High	40*

OUTPATIENT CONSULTS: Must address ALL 3 of History, Exam, and MDM

CPT CODE	HISTORY			EXAM		MEDICAL DECISION MAKING	TOTAL ENCOUNTER TIME
	HPI	ROS	PFSH	1995 Organs	1997 Elements		
99241	1	N/A	N/A	1	1	Minimal	15*
99242	1	1	N/A	2-7	6 or more	Minimal	30*
99243	4	2	1	2-7 With detail in 1 system	2 elements of 6 organs or 12 elements of 2 or more organs	Low	40*
99244	4	10	3	8 or more	2 elements of 9 organs	Moderate	60*
99245	4	10	3	8 or more	2 elements of 9 organs	High	80*

MEDICARE PREVENTIVE SERVICES

CODE	DESCRIPTION
G0402	Medicare IPPE (Initial Preventive Physical Exam) or Welcome to Medicare Physical
G0438	Medicare AWV (Annual Wellness Visit) - Initial
G0439	Medicare AWV (Annual Wellness Visit) - Subsequent

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INPATIENT CARE (Key components must meet or exceed requirements to qualify for the E/M code)

INITIAL INPATIENT CARE: Must address ALL 3 of History, Exam, and MDM

CPT CODE	HISTORY			EXAM		MEDICAL DECISION MAKING	TOTAL ENCOUNTER TIME
	HPI	ROS	PFSH	1995 Organs	1997 Elements		
99221	4	2	1	2-7 With detail in 1 system	2 elements of 6 organs or 12 elements of 2 or more organs	Minimal or Low	30"
99222	4	10	3	8 or more	2 elements of 9 organs	Moderate	50"
99223	4	10	3	8 or more	2 elements of 9 organs	High	70"

SUBSEQUENT INPATIENT CARE: Must address 2 of 3 History, Exam, and MDM

CPT CODE	HISTORY			EXAM		MEDICAL DECISION MAKING	TOTAL ENCOUNTER TIME
	HPI	ROS	PFSH	1995 Organs	1997 Elements		
99231	1	N/A	N/A	1	1-5	Minimal or Low	15"
99232	1	1	N/A	2-7	6 or more	Moderate	25"
99233	4	2	N/A	2-7 With detail in 1 system	2 elements of 6 organs or 12 elements of 2 or more organs	High	35"

DISCHARGE DAY MANAGEMENT CODES

CPT CODE	DISCHARGE	DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS	TIME MAY INCLUDE
99238	30 MINUTES OR LESS	Does not require documentation of time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Final Exam ✓ Discussion of hospital stay
99239	MORE THAN 30 MINUTES	Requires documentation of time in notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Preparation of discharge records, Rx and/ referral forms ✓ Instructions for cont. care to all relevant caregivers (even if the time spent by the MD is not continuous)

INPATIENT CONSULT: Must address ALL 3 of History, Exam, and MDM

CPT CODE	HISTORY			EXAM		MEDICAL DECISION MAKING	TOTAL ENCOUNTER TIME
	HPI	ROS	PFSH	1995 Organs	1997 Elements		
99251	1	N/A	N/A	1	1-5	Minimal	20"
99252	1	1	N/A	2-7	6 or more	Minimal	40"
99253	4	2	1	2-7 With detail in 1 system	2 elements of 6 organs or 12 elements of 2 or more organs	Low	55"
99254	4	10	3	8 or more	2 elements of 9 organs	Moderate	80"
99255	4	10	3	8 or more	2 elements of 9 organs	High	110"

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OBSERVATION CARE CODES (Key components must meet or exceed requirements to qualify for the E/M code)

INITIAL OBSERVATION CARE: Must address ALL 3 of History, Exam, and MDM

CPT CODE	HISTORY			EXAM		MEDICAL DECISION MAKING	TOTAL ENCOUNTER TIME
	HPI	ROS	PFSH	1995 Organs	1997 Elements		
99218	4	2	1	2-7 With detail in 1 system	2 elements of 6 organs or 12 elements of 2 or more organs	Minimal or Low	30"
99219	4	10	3	8 or more	2 elements of 9 organs	Moderate	50"
99220	4	10	3	8 or more	2 elements of 9 organs	High	70"

SUBSEQUENT OBSERVATION CARE: Must address 2 of 3 History, Exam, and MDM

CPT CODE	HISTORY			EXAM		MEDICAL DECISION MAKING	TOTAL ENCOUNTER TIME
	HPI	ROS	PFSH	1995 Organs	1997 Elements		
99224	1	N/A	N/A	1	1-5	Minimal or Low	15"
99225	1	1	N/A	2-7	6 or more	Moderate	25"
99226	4	2	N/A	2-7 With detail in 1 system	2 elements of 6 organs or 12 elements of 2 or more organs	High	35"

OBSERVATION CARE DISCHARGE CODE

CPT CODE	DISCHARGE	DOCUMENTATION SHOULD INCLUDE
99217	Used when the patient is admitted to OBS on ONE day, and discharged on a DIFFERENT CALENDAR DATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Final Exam ✓ Discussion of hospital stay ✓ Preparation of discharge records, Rx and/ referral forms ✓ Instructions for cont. care to all relevant caregivers

OBSERVATION or INPATIENT Admitted and Discharged on the SAME Calendar Day

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CPT CODE	HISTORY			EXAM		MEDICAL DECISION MAKING	TOTAL ENCOUNTER TIME
	HPI	ROS	PFSH	1995 Organs	1997 Elements		
99234	4	2	1	2-7 With detail in 1 system	2 elements of 6 organs or 12 elements of 2 or more organs	Minimal or Low	40"
99235	4	10	3	8 or more	2 elements of 9 organs	Moderate	50"
99236	4	10	3	8 or more	2 elements of 9 organs	High	55"

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 Job Aid at: <http://teams.carolinas.org/sites/eLink/>



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