



2021 PHYSICIANS' FEE & CODING GUIDE POST-PUBLICATION UPDATE

Dear Valued Customer:

For 2021, the AMA updated the Evaluation & Management CPT codes and deleted the code 99201. This was removed from the fee section of the 2021 Fee & Coding Guide but erroneously kept in the E/M Codes Introduction section.

We have included a detailed list of where this code is within the book/PDF. Also, see below the attached updated detailed grids for New Patients and Established Patients (page 28 & 29 of the Fee Guide/52 & 53 from the PDF).

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Office and Other Outpatient Visit - New Patient

99202

THIS REQUIRES:

- Medically appropriate history and/or examination and straightforward medical decision making

- When using time for code selection, 15-29 minutes total time is spent on the date of the encounter.

EXAMPLES:

Dermatology- Initial office visit, 16-year-old male with severe cystic acne.

Pediatrics- Initial visit with

10-year-old, history of chronic otitis media & a draining ear.

Internal Med- Initial evaluation & management of recurrent urinary infection in female.

ENT- Evaluation for gradual hearing loss, 58-year-old, history & exam, interpret complete audiogram, air bone, etc.

99203

THIS REQUIRES:

- Medically appropriate history and/or examination and low level of medical decision making

- When using time for code selection, 30-44 minutes total time is spent on the date of the encounter.

EXAMPLES:

General Surgery- Initial evaluation of a 48-year-old male with recurrent back pain radiating to the leg.

Facial Plastic- Initial eval. of 49-year-old with nasal obstruction. Detailed exam with topical anesthesia.

Int Med- Initial eval. For diagnosis & management of painless gross hematuria in new patient, without cystoscopy.

Urology- Initial visit with couple counselling concerning voluntary vasectomy for sterility. Spent 30 min. discussing proc, risks/benefits, answering questions.

99204

THIS REQUIRES:

- Medically appropriate history and/or examination and moderate level of medical decision making

- When using time for code selection, 45-59 minutes total time is spent on the date of the encounter.

EXAMPLES:

Cardiology- Office visit for initial evaluation of 63-year-old male with chest pain on exertion.

GI- Initial office visit 50-year-old female with progressive solid food dysphagia.

IM- Initial off. eval. 70-yearold patient with recent onset of episodic confusion.

Pediatrics- Initial off. Visit 7-year-old female with juvenile diabetes, new to area, history of hospitalization times three.

IM/RHEUM- Initial office eval. of 70 year-old female with polyarthralgia.

ALLERGY/IMMUN- Initial office visit for a 6-year-old patient with multiple upper respiratory infections.

99205

THIS LEVEL REQUIRES:

- Medically appropriate history and/or examination and high level of medical decision making

- When using time for code selection, 60-74 minutes total time is spent on the date of the encounter.

EXAMPLES:

Cardiology- Initial office eval. 65-year-old female with exertional chest pain, intermittent claudication, syncope and a murmur of aortic stenosis.

Fam Phys- Initial outpatient eval. of 69-year-old male with severe chronic obstructive

pulmonary disease, congestive heart failure, & hypertension
Hemato/Oncology- Initial off visit 73-year-old male with unexplained 20-pound weight loss.

Infectious Dis- Initial office visit 24-year-old homosexual male who has a fever, a cough, & shortness of breath.

ALLERG/IM/RHEUM- Int. office eval, patient with systemic lupus erythematosus, fever, seizures & profound thrombocytopenia.

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Office and Other Outpatient Visit - Established Patient

99211

THIS REQUIRES:

- May not require the presence of a physician or other health care professional.

- Usually the presenting problem(s) are minimal.

EXAMPLES:

Addiction Medicine-

Outpatient visit with 19-year-old male, established patient, for supervised urine drug screen.

Anesthesiology- Office visit with 31-year-old, established patient, for return to work certificate.

Int Med- Office visit with 12-year-old male, estab. patient, for cursory check of hematoma one day after venipuncture.

Note: To bill under "incident to" rules, Medicare carriers generally require that the physician be present in the office suite, immediately available to provide general supervision of nurses and other staff; however, the physician need not be present in the exam room to qualify for this code. Check carrier newsletters.

99212

THIS REQUIRES:

- Medically appropriate history and/or examination and straightforward medical decision making.

- When using time for code selection, 10-19 minutes total is spent on the date of the encounter.

EXAMPLES:

Peds- Office visit, established patient, 6-year-old child with sore throat and headache.

IM- Office visit with a 65-year-old male, established patient, with eruption on both arms from poison oak exposure. • Office visit, sore throat, fever and fatigue in 19-year-old college student.

Peds/Int Med/FP- Office Evaluation for possible purulent bacterial conjunctivitis with 1-2 day history of redness and discharge, 16-year-old female.

ORTHO- Office visit with 65 year-old female, returns for 3 week follow-up for resolving severe ankle sprain.

99213

THIS REQUIRES:

- Medically appropriate history and/or examination and low level of medical decision making.

- When using time for code selection, 20-29 minutes total is spent on the date of the encounter.

EXAMPLES:

Fam Prac- Follow-up visit with 55-year-old male, management of hypertension, mild fatigue, on beta blocker, thiazide regimen.

Gastro- Follow-up visit for established patient with stable cirrhosis of the liver.

Gen Surg- Outpat. visit 37-year-old male, estab. pat., 3-years post total colectomy for chronic ulcerative colitis, presents for increased irritation at his stoma.

Hema/Oncol- Routine follow-up off. eval. 3-month interval, 77-year-old female with nodular small cleaved-cell lymphoma.

Int Med- Follow-up visit for a 70-year-old diabetic hypertensive patient with recent change in insulin requirement.

99214

THIS REQUIRES:

- Medically appropriate history and/or examination and moderate level of medical decision making.

- When using time for code selection, 30-39 minutes total is spent on the date of the encounter.

EXAMPLES:

Cardiology- OV 68-year-old with stable angina, two months post myocardial infarct, who's not tolerating one of medications.

Fam Prac/Int Med- Office evaluation of 28-year-old established patient with regional enteritis, diarrhea & low grade fever.

Hematology/Oncology- Weekly office visit for 5FU therapy for an ambulatory established patient with metastatic colon cancer and increasing shortness of breath.

Int Med- Office visit with 50-year-old female, estab. patient, diabetic, blood sugar controlled by diet. She now complains of frequency of urination & weight loss, blood sugar of 320 & negative ketones on dipstick.

99215

THIS REQUIRES:

- Medically appropriate history and/or examination and high level of medical decision making.

- When using time for code selection, 40-54 minutes total is spent on the date of the encounter.

EXAMPLES:

Fam Phys- OV with 30-year-old male, estab. pat. 3-month history of fatigue, weight loss, intermittent fever, and presenting with diffuse adenopathy and splenomegaly.

Gen Surg- Office eval. and discussion of treatment options for a 68-year-old male with a biopsy-proven rectal carcinoma. therapy for lymphoma.

Hema/Oncology- Office visit for restaging of est. pat. with new lymphadenopathy one year post

Infect Dis- Follow-up off. visit for 65-year-old male with fever of recent onset while on outpatient antibiotic therapy for endocarditis.