

Documentation Requirements for E&M Services: Outpatient Office & Consultations

New Patient/Outpatient Consults

3 of the 3 areas MUST be met

Code	History	Exam	Medical Decision Making	Time in Minutes
99201 99241	PF (HPI: 1 ROS: 0 PFS: 0) or -(97) Update 1 Chronic Illness	PF (95) 1 system (97) 1-5 bullets	Straightforward	10 15
99202 99242	EPF (HPI: 1 ROS: 1 PFS: 0) or -(97) Update 1 Chronic Illness	EPF (95) 2-4 systems (97) 6-11 bullets	Straightforward	20 30
99203 99243	D (HPI: 4+ ROS: 2-9 PFS: 1) or -(97) Update 3+ Chronic Illnesses	D (95) 5-7 systems (97) 12-17 bullets	Low	30 40
99204 99244	C (HPI: 4+ ROS: 10 PFS: 2) or -(97) Update 3+ Chronic Illnesses	C (95) 8+ systems (97) 18+ bullets	Moderate	45 60
99205 99245	C (HPI: 4+ ROS: 10 PFS: 2) or -(97) Update 3+ Chronic Illnesses	C (95) 8+ systems (97) 18+ bullets	High	60 80

Established Patient

2 of the 3 areas MUST be met

Code	History	Exam	Medical Decision Making	Time in Minutes
99211	The evaluation and management of a minor or limited problem. The physician presence is not required.			5
99212	PF (HPI: 1 ROS: 0 PFS: 0) or -(97) Update 1 Chronic Illness	PF (95) 1 system (97) 1-5 bullets	Straightforward	10
99213	EPF (HPI: 1 ROS: 1 PFS: 0) or -(97) Update 1 Chronic Illness	EPF (95) 2-4 systems (97) 6-11 bullets	Low	15
99214	D (HPI: 4+ ROS: 2-9 PFS: 1) or -(97) Update 3+ Chronic Illnesses	D (95) 5-7 systems (97) 12-17 bullets	Moderate	25
99215	C (HPI: 4+ ROS: 10 PFS: 2) or -(97) Update 3+ Chronic Illnesses	C (95) 8+ systems (97) 18+ bullets	High	40

HPI: Location, Quality, Severity, Duration, Timing, Context, Modifying Factors and Associated Signs & Symptoms

ROS: Constitutional, Eyes, ENT, Cardiovascular, Respiratory, Musculoskeletal, GI, GU, Psychiatric, Integumentary, Neuro, Allergic/Immunologic, Endocrine, Hematologic/Lymphatic

TIME: To document time, more than 50% of the total time must be spent face to face with the patient counseling /coordinating care. Documentation must include a description of what was discussed, the total time spent with the patient and the total time spent in counseling.

KEY: **PF** =Problem Focused

EPF = Expanded Problem Focused

D = Detailed

C = Comprehensive

HPI = History of Present Illness

ROS = Review of Systems

PFS = Past, Family and/or Social History