

Documentation Guidelines for New Patients using E/M Codes

New Patient	99201	99202	99203	99204	99205
HISTORY					
Chief Complaint	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
History of Present Illness	1-3 elements	1-3 elements	4 + elements	4 + elements	4 + elements
Review Of Systems	N/A	Pertinent	2-9 systems	10-14 systems	10-14 systems
Past Family Social History	N/A	N/A	1 of 3 elements	3 of 3 elements	3 of 3 elements
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION					
1997	1-5 elements	6-8 elements	9 or more elements	Comprehensive	Comprehensive
1995	System of complaint	2-4 systems	5-7 systems	8 or > systems	8 or > systems
MEDICAL DECISION MAKING					
	Straight Forward	Straight Forward	Low	Moderate	High
TIME					
Face-to-face	10 min.	20 min.	30 min.	45 min.	60 min.

Documentation Guidelines for Established Patients using E/M Codes

Est. Patient	99211	99212	99213	99214	99215
HISTORY					
Chief Complaint	N/A	Required	Required	Required	Required
History of Present Illness	N/A	1-3 elements	1-3 elements	4 + elements	4 + elements
Review Of Systems	N/A	N/A	Pertinent	2-9 systems	10-14 systems
Past Family Social History	N/A	N/A	N/A	1 of 3 elements	2 of 3 elements
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION					
1997	N/A	1-5 elements	6-8 elements	9 or more elements	Comprehensive
1995	N/A	System of Complaint	2-4 systems	5-7 systems	8 or > systems
MEDICAL DECISION MAKING					
	N/A	Straight Forward	Low	Moderate	High
TIME					
Face-to-face	5 min. supervision	10 min.	15 min.	25 min.	40 min.