

| Table 1. AMA Office Visit CPT Coding |                                     |   |   |  |
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| CPT Code                             | Level Of Medical<br>Decision Making | Number and Complexity<br>Of Problems Addressed  | Amount/Complexity of Data Reviewed and Analyzed   | Risk of Complications and<br>Morbidity   |
| 99211                                | NA                                  | NA  | NA  | NA   |
| 99202/99212                          | Straightforward                     | Minimal • One self-limited or minor problem   | Minimal or none   | Minimal risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment  |
| 99203/99213                          | Low                                 | Low One of the following:  • Two or more self-limited or minor problems  • One stable chronic illness  • One acute, uncomplicated illness or injury   | Limited Must meet the requirements of at least one of the two categories: Category 1 (any combination of two from the following): Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source* Review of the result(s) of each unique test* Ordering each unique test* Category 2: Assessment requiring an independent historian(s) (For the categories of independent interpretation of tests and discussion of management or test interpretation, see moderate or high)  | Low risk of morbidity from<br>additional diagnostic testing or<br>treatment  |
| 99204/99214                          | Moderate                            | Moderate One of the following: One or more chronic illnesses with exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment Two or more stable chronic illnesses One undiagnosed new problem with uncertain prognosis One acute illness with systemic symptoms One acute complicated injury | Moderate Must meet the requirements of at least one of three categories: Category 1 (any combination of thee from the following): Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source* Review of the result(s) of each unique test* Ordering of each unique test* Assessment requiring an independent historian(s) Category 2: Independent interpretation of a test performed by another physician/other qualified health care professional (not separately reported) Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other qualified health care professional/appropriate source (not separately reported)    | Moderate risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment  Examples: • Prescription drug management • Decision regarding minor surgery with identified patient/ procedure risk factors • Decision regarding elective major surgery without identified patient/procedure risk factors • Diagnosis or treatment significantly limited by social determinants of health                              |
| 99205/99215                          | High                                | High One of the following:  One or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression or side effects of treatment  One acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or bodily function   | Extensive Must meet the requirements of at least two of three categories: Category 1 (any combination of three from the following): Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source* Review of the result(s) of each unique test* Ordering of each unique test* Assessment requiring an independent historian(s) Category 2: Independent interpretation of a test performed by another physician/other qualified health care professional (not separately reported). Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other qualified health care professional/appropriate source (not separately reported) | High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment  Examples:  • Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity.  • Decision regarding elective major surgery with identified patient/procedure risk factors.  • Decision regarding emergency major surgery.  • Decision regarding hospitalization.  • Decision not to resuscitate or to de-escalate care because of poor prognosis. |

\*Each unique test, order, or document contributes to the combination of two or the combination of three in Category 1 above.

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