

Sample office visit coding cheat sheet

Established patient – must meet 2/3 criteria (history OR examination)

	99212	99213	99214	99215
History	1-3	1-3	4+	4+
ROS	-	1	2-9	10
Past histories	-	-	1	3 (full)
Exam	1-5	6	12	18
MDM	Straight-forward	LOW	MODERATE	COMPLEX/HIGH RISK

New patient – and don't forget, you have to meet BOTH history and examination criteria, not just two out of three, as required with an established patient!

	99201	99202	99203	99204	99205
History	1-3	1-3	4+	4+	4+
ROS	-	1	2-9	10	10
Past histories	-	-	1	3 (full)	3 (full)
Exam	1-5	6	12	18	18
MDM	Straight-forward	Straight-forward	LOW	MODERATE	COMPLEX/HIGH RISK

Time based documentation

New patient	Established patient
99201 = 10 minutes	99211 = -
99202 = 20 minutes	99212 = 10 minutes
99203 = 30 minutes	99213 = 15 minutes
99204 = 45 minutes	99214 = 25 minutes
99205 = 60 minutes	99215 = 40 minutes