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Final Determination Table for Medical Decision Making

To arrive at the final determination for the level of exam, 2 of 3 components (problems, data and risk) must have the same level of complexity (straightforward, low, moderate or high). Otherwise, select 1 level lower from highest level.

COMPONENT	STRAIGHT-FORWARD	LOW	MODERATE	HIGH
Number and/ or Complexity of Problems Addressed at the Encounter	**Minimal** 1 self-limited or minor problem	**Low** 2 or more self-limited or minor problems; ***Or*** 1 stable chronic illness; ***Or*** 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury *Or* 1 stable, acute illness *Or* 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury requiring hospital inpatient or observation level of care	**Moderate** 1 or more chronic illnesses with exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment; ***Or*** 2 or more stable chronic illnesses; ***Or*** 1 undiagnosed new problem with uncertain prognosis; ***Or*** 1 acute illness with systemic symptoms; ***Or*** 1 acute complicated injury	**High** 1 or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression or side effects of treatment; ***Or*** 1 acute or chronic illness or injury that pose a threat to life/body function
Amount and/ or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed	**Minimal or none**	**Limited** 1 of 2 Categories must be met Category 1: Tests and documents any combination of 2 from the following: • Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source; • Review of the results(s) of each unique test; • Ordering of each unique test; ***Or*** Category 2: Assessment requiring an independent historian(s)	**Moderate** At least 1 of 3 Categories must be met Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s). Any combination of 3 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) ***Or*** Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests • Independent interpretation of a test performed by another physician/QHP (not separately reported); ***Or*** Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation • Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/QHP/appropriate source (not separately reported)	**Extensive** 2 of 3 Categories must be met Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s). Any combination of 3 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) ***Or*** Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests • Independent interpretation of a test performed by another physician/QHP (not separately reported) ***Or*** Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation • Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/QHP/appropriate source (not separately reported)
Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management	**Minimal** Minimal risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing and treatment	**Low** Low risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment	**Moderate** Moderate risk of morbidity from additional testing or treatment. Examples only: • Prescription drug management • Decision regarding minor surgery with identified patient or procedure risk factors • Decision regarding elective major surgery without identified patient or procedure risk factors • Diagnosis or treatment significantly limited by social determinants of health	**High** High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment. Examples only: • Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity • Decision regarding elective major surgery with identified patient or procedure risk factors • Decision regarding emergency major surgery • Decision regarding hospitalization or escalation of hospital care • Decision not to resuscitate or to de-escalate care because of poor prognosis • Parenteral controlled substances
Final Determination	**99202** **99212**	**99203** **99213**	**99204** **99214**	**99205** **99215**

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