

**E/M Summary Guide for Office and Other Outpatient Services**  
 Select code(s) based on either **MEDICAL DECISION MAKING** or **TIME**  
 Effective January 1, 2021

**TIME**

Total time (min)	<15	15-29	30-44	45-59	60-74	75-89	90-104	105+
<b>New patient</b>	N/A	99202	99203	99204	99205	99205 + 1 unit 99417	99205 + 2 units 99417	99205 + 1 unit 99417
	Do not report using time							for each full increment of 15 min above 60 min

Total time (min)	<10	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-54	55-69	70-84	85+
<b>Established patient</b>	N/A	99212	99213	99214	99215	99215 + 1 unit 99417	99215 + 2 units 99417	99215 + 1 unit 99417
	Do not report using time							for each full increment of 15 min above 40 min

**Physician/other qualified health care professional time includes the following activities, when performed during the calendar day of the encounter:**

- preparing to see the patient (eg, review of tests);
- obtaining and/or reviewing separately obtained history;
- performing a medically appropriate examination and/or evaluation;
- counseling and educating the patient/family/caregiver;
- ordering medications, tests, or procedures;
- referring and communicating with other health care professionals (when not separately reported);
- documenting clinical information in the electronic or other health record;
- independently interpreting results (when not separately reported) and communicating results to the patient/family/caregiver; and/or
- care coordination (when not separately reported).

**99417** Prolonged office or other outpatient evaluation and management service(s) beyond the total time for 99205 (60 minutes) or 99215 (40 minutes); each 15 minutes