



MDM and Clinic Level of Service Tip Sheet

A) # OF DIAGNOSES / PROBLEMS / TX OPTIONS (To Dept.)	#	PTS.	RESULT (# x pts.)
Self-limited/minor (stable, improved or worsening) max # = 2	1	1	
Established problem, stable, improved	1	1	
Established problem, worsening	2	2	
New prob., no addnl. W/U planned max # = 1	3	3	
New prob., addnl. W/U planned	4	4	
TOTAL (A)			

B) AMT. / COMPLEXITY OF DATA TO BE REVIEWED / ORDERED	PTS.
Clinical lab tests	1
Radiology section of CPT	1
Medicine section of CPT (eg., EEG, ECG, Echo, cardiac cath)	1
Independent review & visualization of image, tracing or specimen	2
Discuss results with performing physician	1
Decision to obtain old records/addnl. info from other than pt.	1
Review & summarize old records / discuss case w/ other health	2
TOTAL (B)	

C) RISK OF COMPLICATIONS (result is highest level circled) "Because the determination of risk is complex and not readily quantifiable, (this) table includes *common clinical examples* rather than absolute measures of risk. (HCFA)" It is to be used for guidance in determining risk.

RISK LEVEL	Presenting problem(s)	Diagnostic Procedure(s)	Management Options
MINIMAL	- one self-limited / minor problem, eg, cold, insect bite, tinea corporis	- lab (venipuncture), chest x-ray, EKG	- rest, superficial dressing, bandage, gargles
LOW	- ≥ 2 self-limited/minor problems - one stable, chronic illness, eg, well controlled HTN, NIDDM, cataract, BPH - acute, uncomplicated illness or injury, eg, cystitis, allergic rhinitis, simple sprain	- superficial needle biopsy - lab (arterial puncture) - x-rays, single area	- OTC drugs - minor surgery, no risk factors - occupational / physical therapy
MODERATE	- ≥ 1 chronic illnesses with mild exacerbation, progression or side effects of treatment - ≥ 2 chronic stable illnesses - undiagnosed new problem w/uncertain prognosis, eg, lump in breast - acute illness with systemic symptoms, eg, pyelonephritis, pneumonia, colitis - acute, complicated injury, eg, head injury with brief loss of consciousness	- stress test, CT, MRI, bone scan - x-rays (multiple areas) - deep needle or incisional biopsy - obtaining body cavity fluids, eg. LP - cardiovascular imaging, with contrast, no risk factors	- minor surgery, with risk factors - elective major surgery, no risk factors - prescription drug management - IV fluids with additives - closed treatment of fracture or dislocation. without manipulation
HIGH	- ≥ 1 chronic illness with severe exacerbation, progression or side effects of treatment - acute or chronic illness or injury, poses threat to life or bodily function, eg, multiple trauma, acute MI, pulmonary embolus, severe respiratory distress, progressive severe rheumatoid arthritis, psychiatric illness with potential threat to self or others, peritonitis, acute renal failure - abrupt change in neurologic status, eg, seizure, TIA, weakness, sensory loss	- discography - myelography - endoscopy with risk factors - cardiovascular imaging with contrast, with risk factors	- elective major surgery, with risk factors - emergency major surgery - parenteral controlled substances - drug therapy, intensive toxicity monitoring - decision not to resuscitate because of poor prognosis

FINAL RESULT FOR MEDICAL DECISION MAKING

Level equals any column with 2 or 3 circles to identify the type of decision making. If no column has two or more circled items, use the median value.

A	Number of diagnoses/mgt options	Minimal ≤ 1	Limited 2	Multiple 3	Extensive ≥ 4
B	Complexity of data	Minimal or none	Limited 2	Moderate 3	Extensive ≥ 4
C	Risk	Minimal	Low	Moderate	High
MEDICAL DECISION-MAKING LEVEL		STRAIGHT-FORWARD	LOW COMPLEXITY	MODERATE COMPLEXITY	HIGH COMPLEXITY

CLINIC NEW PATIENT	99201	99202	99203	99204	99205
HISTORY	PROBLEM FOCUS	EXP PROB FOCUS	DETAILED	COMPREHENSIVE	COMPREHENSIVE
EXAM	PROBLEM FOCUS	EXP PROB FOCUS	DETAILED	COMPREHENSIVE	COMPREHENSIVE
MED. DEC. MAKING	STRAIGHT-FORWARD	STRAIGHT-FORWARD	LOW	MODERATE	HIGH

CLINIC EST. PATIENT	99211	99212	99213	99214	99215
HISTORY	Minimal Presenting Problem - Physician	PROB FOCUS	EXP PROB FOCUS	DETAILED	COMPREHENSIVE
EXAM		PROB FOCUS	EXP PROB FOCUS	DETAILED	COMPREHENSIVE
MED. DEC. MAKING	Presence Not Required.	STRAIGHT-FORWARD	LOW	MODERATE	HIGH