

Time-Based Coding

Provider time includes the following activities, when performed:

- Preparing to see the patient such as reviewing the pts. record
 - Obtaining and/or reviewing separately obtained history
 - Performing a medically appropriate history and examination
- Counseling and educating the patient, family, and/or caregiver
 - Ordering prescription medications, tests, or procedures
- Referring and communicating with other health care providers when not separately reported during the visit
- Documenting clinical information in the electronic or other health record
 - Independently interpreting results when not separately reported
 - Communicating results to the patient/family/caregiver
- Coordinating the care of the patient when not separately reported

MDM Calculation Guide

Total Encounter Time: Face-to-Face PLUS Non-Face-to-Face time

Code	Time	Code	Time
99202	15-29	99212	10-19
99203	30-44	99213	20-29
99204	45-59	99214	30-39
99205	60-74	99215	40-54

New patient visits: If total time is less than 15 minutes, NO Code will apply

Established patient visits: If total time is less than 10 minutes, NO Code will apply