

## 2021 E/M Leveling Cheat Sheet

Claim #:	Examined by:	Date:	Code:
TIME			
Total time spent on the day of the encounter (by the provider)			Amount of Time
• Preparing to see the patient (eg, review of tests)			
• Obtaining and/or reviewing separately obtained history			
• Performing a medically necessary 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 reported separately)			
• Documenting clinical information in the electronic or other health record			
• Independently interpreting results (not separately reported) and communicating results to the patient, family,			
• Care coordination (not separately reported)			

New Patient		Established Patient		Prolonged Services	
<b>99201</b>	Deleted	<b>99211</b>	No time	<b>†99354</b>	Prolonged E/M or Psychotherapy Serv in OV or other Outpt setting, 1st hour
<b>99202</b>	15-29 mins	<b>99212</b>	10-19 mins	<b>†99355</b>	Prolonged E/M or Psychotherapy Serv in OV or other Outpt setting, ea addtl 30 mins
<b>99203</b>	30-44 mins	<b>99213</b>	20-29 mins	<b>99358</b>	Prolonged E/M service before and/or after direct patient care; 1st hour
<b>99204</b>	45-59 mins	<b>99214</b>	30-39 mins	<b>†99359</b>	Prolonged E/M service before and/or after direct pt. care; ea addtl 30 mins
<b>99205</b>	60-74 mins	<b>99215</b>	40-54 mins	<b>†99415</b>	Prolonged clinical staff service (beyond the typical service time) during an E/M service in the office or outpatient setting, direct patient contact with physician supervision; 1st hour
				<b>†99416</b>	Prolonged clinical staff service (beyond the typical service time) during an E/M service in the office or outpatient setting, direct patient contact with physician supervision; ea addtl 30 mins
				<b>†99417</b>	Prolonged OV or Outpt. E/M service(s) beyond the minimum required time of the primary procedure which has been selected using total time, requiring total time with or without direct patient contact beyond the usual service, on the date of the primary service, ea 15 mins of total time (list separately in addition to codes 99205 or 99215)