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THINGS

to know about

2021 E/M CHANGES



GUIDELINES:

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Changes only pertain to Office or Other Outpatient Codes 99202-99215.



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99201 has been deleted. To report, see 99202.



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The E/M level can be supported based on total time **OR** level of medical decision making.



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History and exam elements are determined by the provider and are **NOT** an element in E/M level selection.

TIME:

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Time requirements have been redefined for each level of service.



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Total time of the date of the encounter includes both face-to-face and non-face-to-face time spent by the provider.

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Prolonged services will only be reported with codes 99205, 99215 in 15-minute increments beyond the defined service time.



MEDICAL DECISION MAKING:

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The three elements of medical decision making have been defined: problem(s) addressed, data, and risk. **Two of the three elements** must be met or exceeded when choosing the E/M level based on medical decision making.

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Data has been divided into three categories.



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The AMA has created a table and included definitions, which can be found at the link below. It is imperative to understand these to select an E/M level!

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