

SPECIAL
EDITION

2021 Evaluation and Management (E/M) Changes

2021

Effective January 1, 2021, changes made to key elements of the E/M office or other outpatient visits and Prolonged Services.

MDM

According to American Medical Association (AMA) changes include:



- Eliminating history and physical exam as elements for code selection
- Allowing physicians to choose whether their documentation is based on Medical Decision Making (MDM) or total time
- Modifying MDM criteria to move away from simply adding up tasks to focus on tasks that affect the management of a patient's condition
- Elimination of new patient level one (99201)
- Billing based on total time spent
 - Total time includes both face-to-face and non-face-to-face time on the date of the encounter
 - No longer requires to be dominated by counseling and/or coordination of care
- New Prolonged services in 15 minutes increments

Reference:

AMA CPT Evaluation and Management

<https://www.ama-assn.org/system/files/2019-06/cpt-office-prolonged-svs-code-changes.pdf>

For more details of E/M codes changes, please see our future publication timeline on 2021 Evaluation and Management Changes.



Coming
Soon

Timeline of Future Publication

Dates	Titles
10/2/2020	Introduction Summary
10/9/2020	Documentation Base on Time
10/16/2020	Medical Decision Making: Diagnosis
10/23/2020	Medical Decision Making: Data
10/30/2020	Medical Decision Making: Risk
11/6/2020	Medical Decision Making: Table of Elements
11/13/2020	Prolonged Services
11/20/2020	Table of E/M & Time Descriptions

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