

**Evaluation and Management Coding Guide**

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OUTPATIENT VISITS NEW PATIENTS

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| **LEVEL** | **HISTORY & EXAM** | **TIME** | **MEDICAL DECISION** |
| **99202** | Medically Appropriate | 15-29 minutes on the date of encounter including pre- and port- visit activities | Straightforward |
| **99203** | -Medically Appropriate | 30-44 minutes on the date of encounter including pre- and port- visit activities | Low Complexity |
| **99204** | Medically Appropriate | 45-59 minutes on the date of encounter including pre- and port- visit activities | Moderate Complexity |
| **99205** | Medically Appropriate | 60-74 minutes on the date of encounter including pre- and port- visit activities | High Complexity |
| **99417****G2212** | Prolonged care – Prolonged care -Medicare | Each 15 minutes beyond **minimum** time for 99205 (75 minutes) Each 15 minutes beyond **maximum** time for 99205 (89 minutes) | **Use only when billing the encounter by time.** |

## OUTPATIENT VISITS ESTABLISHED PATIENTS

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| **LEVEL** | **HISTORY & EXAM** | **TIME** | **MEDICAL DECISION** |
| **99211****Brief Visit or 5 min** | -MD supervision, but presence no required | -Requires MD’s order for service |  |
| **99212** | Medically Appropriate | 10-19 minutes on the date of encounter including pre- and port- visit activities | Straightforward |
| **99213** | Medically Appropriate | 20-29 minutes on the date of encounter including pre- and port- visit activities | Low Complexity |
| **99214** | Medically Appropriate | 30-39 minutes on the date of encounter including pre- and port- visit activities | Moderate Complexity |
| **99215** | Medically Appropriate | 40-54 minutes on the date of encounter including pre- and port- visit activities | High Complexity |
| **99417****G2212** | Prolonged CareProlonged Care - Medicare | Each 15 minutes beyond **minimum** time for 99215 (55 minutes) Each 15 minutes beyond **maximum** time for 99205 (69 minutes) | **Use only when billing the encounter by time** |

OUTPATIENT CONSULTATION VISITS NEW OR ESTABLISHED PATIENTS

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| **LEVEL** | **HISTORY** | **EXAM** | **MEDICAL DECISION** |
| **99241****Problem Focused or 15 min** | -Chief complaint-Brief history of present illness**(1-3 elements)** | **1997 1-5 bulleted elements.****1995 1 system/area** | Straightforward |
| **99242****Expanded Problem Focused or 30 min** | -Chief complaint-Brief history of present illness**(1-3 elements)**-Problem pertinent system review **(1 area)** | **1997 6-11** bulleted elements **1995 2-5 systems/areas** | Straightforward |
| **99243****Detailed or 40 min** | -Chief complaint-Extended history of present illness **(4 or more elements)**-Extended system review **(2-9)**-Pertinent past, family & social history **(1 area)** | **1997 At least 12**  bulleted elements **1995 6-7 systems/areas** | Low Complexity |
| **99244****Comprehensive or 60 min** | -Chief complaint-Extended history of present illness **(4 or more elements)**-Complete system review **(10)**-Complete past, family, & social history **(2 areas)** | **18** bulleted elements- 2 in each of 9 systems**At least 8 systems** | Moderate Complexity |
| **99245****Comprehensive or 80 min** | -Chief complaint-Extended history of present illness **(4 or more elements)**-Complete system review **(10)**-Complete past, family & social history **(3 areas)** | **18** bulleted elements- 2 in each of 9 systems**At least 8 systems** | High Complexity |

 All **THREE KEY COMPONENTS** must be met or exceeded for the level of service you choose.

 **3Rs must be met: Request, Render, and Report.**

OBSERVATION (INITIAL) VISITS NEW OR ESTABLISHED PATIENTS

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| **LEVEL** | **HISTORY** | **EXAM** | **MEDICAL DECISION** |
| **99218****Detailed PER DAY****or 30 min** | At Least:-Chief complaint-Extended history of present illness **(4 or more elements)**-Extended system review **(2-9)**-Pertinent past, family & social history **(1 area)** | **1997 At least 12**  bulleted elements from at least 2 systems**1995 6-7 systems/areas** | Straightforward or Low Complexity |
| **99219****Comprehensive PER DAY****or 50 min** | -Chief complaint-Extended history of present illness **(4 or more elements)**-Complete system review **(10)**-Complete past, family, & social history **(2 areas)** | **1997 18** bulleted elements- 2 in each of 9 systems **1995 At least 8 systems** | Moderate Complexity |
| **99220****Comprehensive PER DAY****or 70 min** | -Chief complaint-Extended history of present illness **(4 or more elements)**-Complete system review **(10)**-Complete past, family & social history **(3 areas)** | **1997 18** bulleted elements- 2 in each of 9 systems**1995 At least 8 systems** | High Complexity |
| **99217****Observation Care Discharge** | Includes final examination, discussion of hospital stay, instructions for continuing care and preparation of discharge records.For **observation or inpatient hospital care** including the **admission and discharge** on the patient on the **same date,** see codes **99234-99236** as appropriate. |

 All **THREE KEY COMPONENTS** must be met or exceeded for the level of service you choose.

 ONLY USED BY THE SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN WITH THE PATIENT DESIGNATED AS

 “OBSERVATION STATUS”. OBSERVATION ENCOUNTERS BY OTHER CONSULTING

 PHYSICIANS USE 99241-99245 or 99211-99215.

#### INITIAL INPATIENT HOSPITAL VISITS

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| **LEVEL** | **HISTORY** | **EXAM** | **MEDICAL DECISION** |
| **99221****Detailed or 30 min** | -Chief complaint-Extended history of present illness **(4 or more)**-Extended or Complete system review **(2-9 areas)**-Pertinent or Complete past, family &/or social history **(1 area)** | **1997 At least 12**  bulleted elements from at least 2 systems**1995 6-7 systems/areas** | Straightforward orLow Complexity |
| **99222****Comprehensive or 50 min** | -Chief complaint-Extended history of present illness **(4 or more)**-Complete system review**(10)**-Complete past, family & social history **(3 areas)** | **1997 18** bulleted elements- 2 in each of 9 systems **1995 At least 8 systems** | Moderate Complexity |
| **99223****Comprehensive or 70 min** | -Chief complaint-Extended history of present illness **(4 or more)**-Complete system review**(10)**-Complete past, family & social history **(3 areas)** | **1997 18** bulleted elements- 2 in each of 9 systems **1995 At least 8 systems** | High Complexity |

 **THREE OF THE THREE KEY COMPONENTS MUST BE MET OR EXCEEDED.**

 Codes 99221-99223 are used to report the **first** hospital inpatient encounter with the patient

 by the **admitting** physician. Initial hospital visit codes are used only **once** per admission.

**SUBSEQUENT INPATIENT HOSPITAL VISITS ESTABLISHED PATIENTS (99231-99233)**

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| **LEVEL** | **HISTORY** | **EXAM** | **MEDICAL DECISION** |
| **99231****Problem Focused or 15 min** | -Chief complaint-Brief interval history of present illness **(1-3)** | **1997 1-5 bulleted elements.****1995 1 system/area** | Straightforward orLow Complexity |
| **99232****Expanded Problem Focused or 25 min** | -Chief complaint-Brief interval history of present illness **(1-3)**-Problem pertinent system review **(1 area)** |  **1997 6-11** bulleted elements  **1995 2-5 systems/areas** | Moderate Complexity |
| **99233****Detailed or 35 min** | -Chief complaint-Detailed interval history **(4 or more)**-Extended or Complete system review **(2-9 areas)**-Pertinent or Complete past, family &/or social history **(3 areas)** | -Detailed exam**1997 At least 12**  bulleted elements from at least 2 systems**1995 6-7 systems/areas** | High Complexity |

 **TWO OF THE THREE KEY COMPONENTS MUST BE MET OR EXCEEDED.**

**OBSERVATION/INPATIENT VISITS: ADMITTED/DISCHARGED ON THE SAME DAY (99234-99236)**

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| **LEVEL** | **HISTORY** | **EXAM** | **MEDICAL DECISION** |
| **99234****Detailed or 40 min** | -Chief complaint-Extended history of present illness **(4 or more)**-Extended or Complete system review **(2-9 areas)**-Pertinent or Complete past, family &/or social history **(1 area)** | **1997 At least 12**  bulleted elements from at least 2 systems**1995 6-7 systems** | Straightforward orLow Complexity |
| **99235****Comprehensive or 50 min** | -Chief complaint-Extended history of present illness **(4 or more**)-Complete system review**(10)**-Complete past, family & social history (**3 areas**) | **1997 18** bulleted elements- 2 in each of 9 systems **1995 At least 8 systems** | Moderate Complexity |
| **99236****Comprehensive or 55 min** | -Chief complaint-Extended history of present illness **(4 or more)**-Complete system review**(10)**-Complete past, family & social history **(3 areas)** | **1997 18** bulleted elements- 2 in each of 9 systems **1995 At least 8 systems** | High Complexity |
| In addition to meeting the documentation requirements for history, examination and medical decision making documentation in the medical record shall include: Documentation stating the stay for hospital treatment or observation care status involves 8 hours but less than 24 hours; Documentation identifying the billing physician was present and personally performed the services; and Documentation identifying the admission and discharge notes were written by the billing physician. |

 **THREE OF THE THREE KEY COMPONENTS MUST BE MET OR EXCEEDED.**

####  HOSPITAL DISCHARGE SERVICES

 **NEW OR ESTABLISHED PATIENT (99238, 99239)**

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| **LEVEL** | **TIME** | **TYPE OF ACTIVITIES PROVIDED DURING DISCHARGE SERVICES** |
| **99238** | -Inpatient setting, day of discharge.............-30 minutes or less | -Final examination of the patient-Discussion of the hospital stay-Instructions for continuing care to all relevant caregivers-Preparation of discharge records-Preparation of prescriptions and referral forms-Hospital discharge management is a face-to-face E/M service between the attending physician and the patient.**\*\*\*\*\*The total time spent must be documented in the patient’s medical record.** |
| **99239** | -More than 30 minutes | **\*\*\*\*\*The total time spent must be documented in the patient’s medical record.** |
| For **observation or inpatient hospital care** including the **admission and discharge** on the patient on the **same date,** see codes **99234-99236** as appropriate.**Hospital Discharge Management and Death Pronouncement**Only the physician who personally performs the pronouncement of death shall bill for the face-to-face Hospital Discharge Day Management Service, CPT code 99238 or 99239. The date of the pronouncement shall reflect the calendar date of service on the day it was performed even if the paperwork is delayed to a subsequent date.**Hospital Discharge Management (CPT Codes 99238 and 99239) and Nursing Facility Admission Code When Patient Is Discharged From Hospital and Admitted to Nursing Facility on Same Day** Contractors pay the hospital discharge code (codes 99238 or 99239) in addition to a nursing facility admission code when they are billed by the same physician with the same date of service. |

**INITIAL INPATIENT CONSULTATION VISITS NEW OR ESTABLISHED PATIENT (99251-99255)**

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| **LEVEL** | **HISTORY** | **EXAM** | **MEDICAL DECISION** |
| **99251****Problem Focused or 20 min** | -Chief complaint-Brief history of present illness**(1-3)** | **1997 1-5 bulleted elements.****1995 1 system/area** | Straightforward |
| **99252****Expanded Problem Focused or 40 min** | -Chief complaint-Brief history of present illness**(1-3)**-Problem pertinent system review **(1)** | **1997 6-11** bulleted elements **1995 2-5 systems/areas** | Straightforward |
| **99253****Detailed or 55 min** | -Chief complaint-Extended history of present illness **(4 or more)**-Extended system review **(2-9)**-Pertinent past, family &/or social history **(1)** | -Detailed exam-**1997 At least 12**  bulleted elements from at least 2 systems**1995 6-7 systems/areas** | Low Complexity |
| **99254****Comprehensive or 80 min** | -Chief complaint-Extended history of present illness **(4 or more)**-Complete system review (**10**)-Complete past, family & social history **(3 areas)** | **1997 18** bulleted elements- 2 in each of 9 systems **1995 At least 8 systems** | Moderate Complexity |
| **99255****Comprehensive or 110 min** | -Chief complaint-Extended history of present illness **(4 or more)**-Complete system review **(10)**-Complete past, family & social history **(3 areas)** | **1997 18** bulleted elements- 2 in each of 9 systems **1995 At least 8 systems** | High Complexity |

**THREE OF THE THREE KEY COMPONENTS MUST BE MET OR EXCEEDED.** Only one initial

consultation should be reported by a consultant per admission. **3Rs must be met: Request, Render, and Report.**

## CRITICAL CARE SERVICES 99291-99292

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| **LEVEL** | **TIME** | **SERVICES INCLUDED IN CRITICAL CARE** | **MEDICAL DECISION** |
| **99291** | 30-74 MINUTES\*\*Inpatient critical care services provided to neonates that are age 28 days of less, see (99468- 99469) | \*Interpretation of cardiac output measures\*Chest x-rays + ccq’s\*Blood gases + pulse oximetry\*Gastric intubation + TTP\*Temporary transcutaneous pacing\*Ventilator management\*Vascular access procedures\*Information data stored in computers (ECGs, blood pressure, hematologic data) | High Complexity- Patient Unstable, Critically Ill or Injured Patient |
| **99292** | EACH ADDITIONAL 30 MINUTES IN A 24 HOUR PERIOD | SAME AS ABOVE | High Complexity |
| **CODE(S)** | **TOTAL DURATION OF CRITICAL CARE** |
| REPORT APPROPRIATE E/M CODE | Less than 30 minutes |
| 99291 x 1 | 30-74 minutes |
| 99291 x1 and 99292 x 1 | 1 hr 15 minutes – 1 hr 44 minutes |
| 99291 x1 and 99292 x 2 | 1 hr 45 minutes – 2 hr 14 minutes |
| 99291 x1 and 99292 x 3 | 2 hr 15 minutes – 2 hr 44 minutes |
| 99291 x1 and 99292 x 4 | 2 hr 45 minutes – 3 hr 14 minutes |

 **NEWBORNS/CHILDREN age 5 years or younger**

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| **LEVEL INITIAL NEWBORN CARE INCLUDES** |
| **99460** | Initial Hospital or Birthing Center Care, per day, for E/M of Normal Newborn | Family consultation Healthy newborn H&P DocumentationOrdering of diagnostic test and treatments Services provided to healthy newborns age 28 days or < |
| **99462** | Subsequent Hospital Care, per day, for E/M of normal newborn |
| **99463** | Initial Hospital or Birthing Center Care, per day, for E/M of Normal Newborn admitted and discharged on the same date |
| **LEVEL** | **CRITICAL CARE AGE 5 YRS OR YOUNGER** | **INCLUDES** |
| **99468** | Initial inpatient neonatal critical care, per day, for the E/M of a critically ill neonate, **28 days of age or less** | Admin blood components Admin IV fluidsAdmin surfactantBladder aspiration or cath Catheterization umbilical artery or veinCentral venous catheter Endotracheal intubation LPNasogastric tube placement PFT testingVascular access Ventilatory management All services in 99291-92 |
| **99469** | Subsequent inpatient neonatal critical care, per day, for E/M of a critically ill neonate, **28 days of age or less** |
| **99471** | Initial inpatient neonatal critical care, per day, for the E/M of a critically ill neonate, **29 days through 24 months of age** |
| **99472** | Subsequent inpatient neonatal critical care, per day, for E/M of a critically ill neonate, **29 days through 24 months of age** |
| **99475** | Initial inpatient neonatal critical care, per day, for the E/M of a critically ill neonate, **2 through 5 years of age** |
| **99476** | Subsequent inpatient neonatal critical care, per day, for E/M of a critically ill neonate, **2 through 5 years of age** |

 **Critical care services for patients 6 years of age or older use 99291-99292.**

**INITIAL NURSING FACILITY CARE (99304-99306)**

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| **LEVEL** | **HISTORY** | **EXAM** | **MEDICAL DECISION** |
| **99304****Detailed or 25 min** | Chief complaint-Extended history of present illness (4)-Extended (2-9) **or**Complete (10) system review-Pertinent (1) **or** Complete (3 areas) past, family &/or social history | -Detailed exam-**1997 At least 12**  bulleted elements from at least 2 systems**1995 6-7 systems/area** | Straightforward**or**Low Complexity |
| **99305****Comprehensive or 35 min** | Chief complaint-Extended history of present illness (4)-Complete system review (10)-Complete past, family & social history (3 areas) | **1997 18** bulleted elements- 2 in each or 9 systems **1995 At least 8 systems** | Moderate |
| **99306****Comprehensive or 45 min** | Chief complaint-Extended history of present illness (4)-Complete system review (10)-Complete past, family & social history (3 areas) | **1997 18** bulleted elements- 2 in each of 9 systems **1995 At least 8 systems** | High Complexity |

 **THREE OF THE THREE KEY COMPONENTS MUST BE MET OR EXCEEDED.**

**SUBSEQUENT NURSING FACILITY CARE NEW OR ESTABLISHED PATIENTS (99307-99310)**

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| **LEVEL** | **HISTORY** | **EXAM** | **MEDICAL DECISION** |
| **99307****Problem Focused or 10 min** | -Chief complaint-Brief interval history of present illness (1-3) | **1997 1-5 bulleted elements.****1995 1 system/area** | Straightforward |
| **99308****Expanded Problem Focused or 15 min** | -Chief complaint-Brief interval history of present illness (1-3)-Problem pertinent system review (1 area) | **1997 6-11** bulleted elements **1995 2-5 systems/areas** | Low Complexity |
| **99309****Detailed or 25 min** | -Chief complaint-Extended interval history of present illness (4)-Extended system review (2-9)-Pertinent past, family & social history (1 area) | **1997 At least 12**  bulleted elements in at least 2 systems**1995 6-7 systems/areas** | Moderate Complexity |
| **99310****Comprehensive or 35 min** | Chief complaint-Extended history of present illness (4)-Complete system review (10)-Complete past, family & social history (3 areas) | **1997 18** bulleted elements- 2 in each of 9 systems **1995 At least 8 systems** | High Complexity |

 **TWO OF THE THREE KEY COMPONENTS MUST BE MET OR EXCEEDED.**

 **NURSING FACILITY DISCHARGE SERVICES (99315, 99316)**

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| **LEVEL** | **TIME** | **TYPE OF ACTIVITIES PROVIDED DURING DISCHARGE SERVICES** |
| **99315** | -Nursing facility discharge day management-30 minutes or less | -Final examination of the patient-Discussion of the nursing facility stay-Instructions for continuing care to all relevant caregivers-Preparation of discharge records-Preparation of prescriptions and referral forms**\*\*\*\*\*The total time spent must be documented in the patient’s medical record.** |
| **99316** | -More than 30 minutes | **\*\*\*\*\*The total time spent must be documented in the patient’s medical record.** |

 **ANNUAL ASSESSMENT**

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| **LEVEL** | **HISTORY** | **EXAMINATION** | **MEDICAL DECISION** |
| **99318** | -Chief complaint | -Comprehensive Exam with at least | Low to Moderate |
| **Annual** | -Extended interval | **9 systems**- 2 bulleted elements in each. | Complexity |
| **Assessment** | history of present |  |  |
|  | illness (4) |  |  |
|  | -Extended system |  |  |
|  | review (2-9) |  |  |

PROLONGED SERVICES

DIRECT FACE-TO-FACE PATIENT CONTACT

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| **Code** | **Typical Time for Code** | **Threshold Time to Bill Code 99354** | **Threshold Time to Bill Codes 99354 and 99355** |
| **99241** | 15 | 45 | 90 |
| **99242** | 30 | 60 | 105 |
| **99243** | 40 | 70 | 115 |
| **99244** | 60 | 90 | 135 |
| **99245** | 80 | 110 | 155 |
| **99324** | 20 | 50 | 95 |
| **99325** | 30 | 60 | 105 |
| **99326** | 45 | 75 | 120 |
| **99327** | 60 | 90 | 135 |
| **99328** | 75 | 105 | 150 |
| **99334** | 15 | 45 | 90 |
| **99335** | 25 | 55 | 100 |
| **99336** | 40 | 70 | 115 |
| **99337** | 60 | 90 | 135 |
| **99341** | 20 | 50 | 95 |
| **99342** | 30 | 60 | 105 |
| **99343** | 45 | 75 | 120 |
| **99344** | 60 | 90 | 135 |
| **99345** | 75 | 105 | 150 |
| **99347** | 15 | 45 | 90 |
| **99348** | 25 | 55 | 100 |
| **99349** | 40 | 70 | 115 |
| **99350** | 60 | 90 | 135 |

 PROLONGED SERVICES

 DIRECT FACE-TO-FACE PATIENT CONTACT

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| **Code** | **Typical Time for Code** | **Threshold Time to Bill Code 99356** | **Threshold Time to Bill Codes 99356 and 99357** |
| **99221** | 30 | 60 | 105 |
| **99222** | 50 | 80 | 125 |
| **99223** | 70 | 100 | 145 |
| **99231** | 15 | 45 | 90 |
| **99232** | 25 | 55 | 100 |
| **99233** | 35 | 65 | 110 |
| **99251** | 20 | 50 | 95 |
| **99252** | 40 | 70 | 115 |
| **99253** | 55 | 85 | 130 |
| **99254** | 80 | 110 | 155 |
| **99255** | 110 | 140 | 185 |
| **99304** | 25 | 55 | 100 |
| **99305** | 35 | 65 | 110 |
| **99306** | 45 | 75 | 120 |
| **99307** | 10 | 40 | 85 |
| **99308** | 15 | 45 | 90 |
| **99309** | 25 | 55 | 100 |
| **99310** | 35 | 65 | 110 |
| **99318** | 30 | 60 | 105 |
| Prolonged services are billed separately when a physician spends over 30 minutes above and beyond the time allotted for any E/M encounter. Time must be spent face-to-face with the patient but does not need to be continuous within any calendar date. These codes are reported in addition to the applicable E/M codes.Documentation is required in the medical record about the duration and content of the medically necessary evaluation and management service and prolonged services billed. The medical record must be appropriately and sufficiently documented by the physician or qualified NPP to show that the physician or qualified NPP personally furnished the direct face-to-face time with the patient specified in the CPT code definitions. The start and end times of the visit shall be documented in the medical record along with the date of service. |

HOME VISITS

NEW PATIENT (99341-99345)

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| **LEVEL** | **HISTORY** | **EXAM** | **MEDICAL DECISION** |
| **99341****Problem Focused or 20 min** | -Chief complaint-Brief history of present illness | **1997 1-5 bulleted elements.****1995 1 system/area** | Straightforward Complexity |
| **99342****Expanded Problem Focused or 30 min** | -Chief complaint-Brief history of present illness-Problem pertinent system review | **1997 6-11** bulleted elements **1995 2-5 systems/areas** | Low Complexity |
| **99343****Detailed or 45 min** | -Chief complaint-Extended history of present illness-Extended system review-Pertinent past, family &/or social history | **1997 At least 12**  bulleted elements in at least 2 systems**1995 6-7 systems/areas** | Moderate Complexity |
| **99344****Comprehensive or 60 min** | -Chief complaint-Extended history of present illness-Complete system review-Complete past, family & social history (3 areas) | **1997 18** bulleted elements- 2 in each of 9 systems **1995 At least 8 systems** | Moderate Complexity |
| **99345****Comprehensive or 75 min** | -Chief complaint-Extended history of present illness-Complete system review-Complete past, family & social history (3 areas) | **1997 18** bulleted elements- 2 in each of 9 systems **1995 At least 8 systems** | High Complexity |

 THREE OF THE THREE KEY COMPONENTS MUST BE MET OR EXCEEDED.

**HOME VISITS ESTABLISHED PATIENT**

**(99347-99350)**

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| **LEVEL** | **HISTORY** | **EXAM** | **MEDICAL DECISION** |
| **99347****Problem Focused or 15 min** | -Chief complaint-Brief interval history of present illness (1-3) | **1997 1-5 bulleted elements.****1995 1 system/area** | Straightforward Complexity |
| **99348****Expanded Problem Focused or 25 min** | -Chief complaint-Brief interval history of present illness (1-3)-Problem pertinent system review (1) | **1997 6-11** bulleted elements **1995 2-5 systems/areas** | Low Complexity |
| **99349****Detailed or 40 min** | -Chief complaint-Extended interval history of present illness (4)-Extended system review (2-9)-Pertinent past, family & social history (1 area) | -Detailed exam- 12 bulleted elements in at least 2 systems | Moderate Complexity |
| **93350****Comprehensive or 60 min** | Chief complaint-Extended history of present illness (4)-Complete system review (10)-Complete past, family & social history (3 areas) | **1997 18** bulleted elements- 2 in each of 9 systems **1995 At least 8 systems** | High Complexity |

 **TWO OF THE THREE KEY COMPONENTS MUST BE MET OR EXCEEDED.**

**TRANSITIONAL CARE MANAGEMENT SERVICES (99395-99396)**

**99495 Transitional Care Management Services** with the following required elements:

### Communication (direct contact, telephone, electronic) with the patient and/or caregiver within 2 business days of discharge

* Medical decision making of at least **moderate complexity** during the service period

### Face-to-face visit, within 14 calendar days of discharge

**99496 Transitional Care Management Services** with the following required elements:

### Communication (direct contact, telephone, electronic) with the patient and/or caregiver within 2 business days of discharge

* Medical decision making of **high complexity** during the service period

### Face-to-face visit, within 7 calendar days of discharge

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| **TYPE OF MEDICAL DECISION MAKING** | **FACE-TO-FACE VISIT WITHIN 7 DAYS** | **FACE-TO-FACE VISIT WITHIN 8-14 DAYS** |
| **Moderate complexity** | 99495 | 99495 |
| **High complexity** | 99496 | 99495 |

**1997** EXAMINATION

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| **PF-**1-5 bulleted elements; **EX PF**- 6 bulleted elements; -**Detailed** 12 bulleted elements in at least 2 systems/areas.; **Comprehensive**- 18 bulleted elements 2 in each of 9 systems/areas |
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| **Constitutionals:** vital signs (3)general appearance |
| **Eyes:** conjunctivae/lids pupils & irises optic discs |
| **Ears, Nose, Mouth and Throat**: external inspection of ears/nose auditory canals & tympanic membranes  hearing nasal mucous, septum & turbinates  lips, teeth, gums oropharynx |
| **Neck:** examination of neck  thyroid |
| **Respiratory:** respiratory effort percussion palpation auscultation |
| **Cardiovascular:** palpation of heart auscultation of heart carotid arteries abdominalfemoral arteries pedal pulses extremities for edema, varicosities |
| **Chest:** breast inspection (symmetry, nipple discharge)breast palpation (masses, tenderness) |
| **Gastrointestinal:** abdomen (masses, tenderness) liver & spleen hernia anus, perineum, & rectum obtain stool sample |
| **Genitourinary:** Male: scrotal penis prostate gland Female: genitalia and vagina urethra  bladder  cervix uterus adnexa/parametria |
| **Lymphatic:** (two or more areas: neck, axillae, groin, other) |
| **Musculoskeletal:** gait and station digits and nails -Joints/bone/muscle exam including:  inspection/ palpation (for tenderness, masses, effusions, etc.) assess range of motion assess stability assess muscle strength & tone |
| **Skin:** inspection (for rashes, lesions, ulcers, etc.) palpation (for subcutaneous nodules, tightening, etc.) |
| **Neurologic**: test cranial nerves deep tendon reflexes assess sensation |
| **Psychiatric:**judgment & insight -Mental status including: orientation to time, place, & personmemory mood & affect |

**1995 Physical Exam Rules**

For the purposes of documenting the physical exam, the 1995 E/M guidelines recognize the following

body areas and organ systems:

**Body Areas: Organ Systems:**

1. Head, including the face 1) Constitutional (eg. vital signs, general appearance)
2. Neck 2) Eyes
3. Chest, including breast and axillae 3) Ear, nose, mouth and throat6
4. Abdomen 4) Cardiovascular
5. Genitalia, groin, buttocks 5) Respiratory
6. Back, including spine 6) Gastrointestinal
7. Each extremity 7) Genitourinary

8) Musculoskeletal

9) Skin

10) Neurologic

11) Psychiatric

12) Hematologic/lymphatic/immunologic

Using the 1995 E/M guidelines, the various levels of physical exam are defined as follows:

**Problem Focused –** a limited examination of the affected body area or organ system (1 system/area)

**Expanded Problem Focused –** a limited examination of the affected body area or organ system and other symptomatic or related organ systems **(2-5 systems/areas)**

**Detailed –** an extended examination of the affected body area(s) and other symptomatic or related organ system(s) **(6-7systems/areas)**

**Comprehensive –** a general multi-system examination with comprehensive examination of affected organ system and examination of other related systems **(at least 8 systems)**