

DOCUMENTATION GUIDELINES FOR ESTABLISHED PATIENT VISITS

	99211	99212	99213	99214	99215
HISTORY					
CC	N/A	Required	Required	Required	Required
HPI	N/A	1-3 elements	1-3 elements	4+ elements (or 3+ chronic diseases)	4+ elements (or 3+ chronic diseases)
ROS	N/A	N/A	Pertinent	2-9 systems	10+ systems
PFSH	N/A	N/A	N/A	1 element	2 elements
EXAMINATION					
1997 documentation guidelines	N/A	1-5 elements	6-11 elements	12 or more elements	Comprehensive
1995 documentation guidelines	N/A	System of complaint	2-4 systems	5-7 systems	8+ systems
MEDICAL DECISION MAKING					
	N/A	Straightforward	Low	Moderate	High
TIME¹					
	5 minutes	10 minutes	15 minutes	25 minutes	40 minutes

Note: Two of the three key components – history, exam and medical decision making – are required.

1. More than half of the total must involve counseling or coordination of care.