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## Final Determination Table for Medical Decision Making

To arrive at the final determination for the level of exam, 2 of 3 components (problems, data and risk) must have the same level of complexity (straightforward, low, moderate or high). Otherwise, select 1 level lower from highest level.

| COMPONENT                                                                        | STRAIGHT-FORWARD                                                                             | LOW                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | MODERATE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | HIGH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Number and/ or Complexity of Problems Addressed at the Encounter</b>          | <b>Minimal</b><br>1 self-limited or minor problem                                            | <b>Low</b><br>2 or more self-limited or minor problems;<br><b>Or</b> 1 stable chronic illness;<br><b>Or</b> 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury<br><b>Or</b> 1 stable, acute illness<br><b>Or</b> 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury requiring hospital inpatient or observation level of care                                                  | <b>Moderate</b><br>1 or more chronic illnesses with exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment;<br><b>Or</b> 2 or more stable chronic illnesses;<br><b>Or</b> 1 undiagnosed new problem with uncertain prognosis;<br><b>Or</b> 1 acute illness with systemic symptoms;<br><b>Or</b> 1 acute complicated injury                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>High</b><br>1 or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression or side effects of treatment;<br><b>Or</b> 1 acute or chronic illness or injury that pose a threat to life/body function                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Amount and/ or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed</b>             | <b>Minimal or none</b>                                                                       | <b>Limited</b><br>1 of 2 Categories must be met<br>Category 1: Tests and documents any combination of 2 from the following:<br>• Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source;<br>• Review of the results(s) of each unique test;<br>• Ordering of each unique test;<br><b>Or</b> Category 2: Assessment requiring an independent historian(s) | <b>Moderate</b><br>At least 1 of 3 Categories must be met<br>Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s). Any combination of 3 from the following:<br>• Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source;<br>• Review of the result(s) of each unique test;<br>• Ordering of each unique test;<br>• Assessment requiring an independent historian(s)<br><b>Or</b> Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests<br>• Independent interpretation of a test performed by another physician/QHP (not separately reported);<br><b>Or</b> Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation<br>• Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/QHP/appropriate source (not separately reported) | <b>Extensive</b><br>2 of 3 Categories must be met<br>Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s). Any combination of 3 from the following:<br>• Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source<br>• Review of the result(s) of each unique test<br>• Ordering of each unique test<br>• Assessment requiring an independent historian(s)<br><b>Or</b> Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests<br>• Independent interpretation of a test performed by another physician/QHP (not separately reported)<br><b>Or</b> Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation<br>• Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/QHP/appropriate source (not separately reported) |
| <b>Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management</b> | <b>Minimal</b><br>Minimal risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing and treatment | <b>Low</b><br>Low risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Moderate</b><br>Moderate risk of morbidity from additional testing or treatment.<br>Examples only:<br>• Prescription drug management<br>• Decision regarding minor surgery with identified patient or procedure risk factors<br>• Decision regarding elective major surgery without identified patient or procedure risk factors<br>• Diagnosis or treatment significantly limited by social determinants of health                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>High</b><br>High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment.<br>Examples only:<br>• Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity<br>• Decision regarding elective major surgery with identified patient or procedure risk factors<br>• Decision regarding emergency major surgery<br>• Decision regarding hospitalization or escalation of hospital care<br>• Decision not to resuscitate or to de-escalate care because of poor prognosis<br>• Parenteral controlled substances                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Final Determination</b>                                                       | <b>99202</b><br><b>99212</b>                                                                 | <b>99203</b><br><b>99213</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>99204</b><br><b>99214</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>99205</b><br><b>99215</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |