Service Code

99251

Consultation requires 3 of 3 components be met

MUST MEET EACH OF THESE

History - Detailed

Chief Complaint	Subjective; in patient words
HPI:	1-3 elements
ROS:	None
PFSH:	None needed

Physical Exam - Detailed

1 organ systems '95
or
1-5 components/bullets '97

MUST MEET
Need 2 of 3 in this category

Medical Decision Making

Straightforward = 1 point
need 2 of 3 in this category

A. Presenting Problem: *need 1 points*		
Self-limiting or minor problem	1 pt each	max =2
New problem w/o or w/ additional work-up	3 or 4 pts	
Stable problems	1 pt each	
Established worsening/unstable problems	2 pts each	
B. Data: *need 1 points*		
1 or more labs ordered and/or reviewed	1 pt	
1 or more radiology tests ordered and/or reviewed	1 pt	
1 or more any other (EKG, Stress test, sleep study, spirometry)	1 pt	
Review and summarize old records and/or obtaining history from someone other than patient and/or discussion of case with another health care provider	2 pts	
Independent review of image or tracing(not simply review of report)	2 pts	
Discussion of test results with performing physician	1 pt	
Decision to obtain old records and/or obtain history from someone other than patient	1 pt	
C. Risk: Straightforward		
Self limited or minor problem (eg. Insect bite, cold)		
Chest x-rays		
EKG/EEG		
KOH prep		
Lab requiring venipuncture		
Rest/gargle		
Superficial dressings/elastic bandages		

OR >50% of 20 minute visit was spent counseling
time must be documented
for example: TT20 >50% was spent counseling the patient on weight control, nutrition and the risk factors of smoking.

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MUST MEET EACH OF THESE

History - Detailed

Chief Complaint	Subjective; in patient words
HPI:	1-3 elements
ROS:	1 systems
PFSH:	None needed

Physical Exam - Detailed

2-7 organ systems '95
or
6-11 components/bullets '97

MUST MEET
Need 2 of 3 in this category

Medical Decision Making

Straightforward = 1 point
need 2 of 3 in this category

A. Presenting Problem: *need 1 points*		
Self-limiting or minor problem	1 pt each	max =2
New problem w/o or w/ additional work-up	3 or 4 pts	
Stable problems	1 pt each	
Established worsening/unstable problems	2 pts each	
B. Data: *need 1 points*		
1 or more labs ordered and/or reviewed	1 pt	
1 or more radiology tests ordered and/or reviewed	1 pt	
1 or more any other (EKG, Stress test, sleep study, spirometry)	1 pt	
Review and summarize old records and/or obtaining history from someone other than patient and/or discussion of case with another health care provider	2 pts	
Independent review of image or tracing(not simply review of report)	2 pts	
Discussion of test results with performing physician	1 pt	
Decision to obtain old records and/or obtain history from someone other than patient	1 pt	
C. Risk: Straightforward		
Self limited or minor problem (eg. Insect bite, cold)		
Chest x-rays		
EKG/EEG		
KOH prep		
Lab requiring venipuncture		
Rest/gargle		
Superficial dressings/elastic bandages		

OR >50% of 40 minute visit was spent counseling
time must be documented
for example: TT20 >50% was spent counseling the patient on weight control, nutrition and the risk factors of smoking.

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Consultation requires 3 of 3 components be met

MUST MEET EACH OF THESE

History - Detailed

Chief Complaint	Subjective; in patient words
HPI:	4 elements or 3 chronic's & status of each
ROS:	2-9 systems
PFSH:	1 problem pertinent

Physical Exam - Detailed

2 -7 organ systems or body areas '95 (1 system/area must be detailed)
or
12 components '97

MUST MEET
Need 2 of 3 in this category

Medical Decision Making - Low

Low = 2 points
need 2 of 3 in this category

A. Presenting Problem: *need 2 points*		
Self-limiting or minor problem	1 pt each	max =2
New problem w/o or w/ additional work-up	3 or 4 pts	
Stable problems	1 pt each	
Established worsening/unstable problems	2 pts each	
B. Data: *need 2 points*		
1 or more labs ordered and/or reviewed	1 pt	
1 or more radiology tests ordered and/or reviewed	1 pt	
1 or more any other (EKG, Stress test, sleep study, spirometry)	1 pt	
Review and summarize old records and/or obtaining history from someone other than patient and/or discussion of case with another health care provider	2 pts	
Independent review of image or tracing(not simply review of report)	2 pts	
Discussion of test results with performing physician	1 pt	
Decision to obtain old records and/or obtain history from someone other than patient	1 pt	
C. Risk: Low		
2 or more self limited or minor problems		
1 stable chronic illness, ie: well controlled hypertension		
Acute, uncomplicated illness or injury, ie: simple sprain		
Minor surgery with no risk factors		
Over the counter drug management		

OR >50% of 55 minute visit was spent counseling
time must be documented
for example: TT30 >50% was spent counseling the patient on weight control, nutrition and the risk factors of smoking.

Service Code

99254

Consultation requires 3 of 3 components be met

MUST MEET EACH OF THESE

History - Comprehensive

Chief Complaint	Subjective; in patient words
HPI:	4 elements or 3 chronic's & status of each
ROS:	10 +
PFSH:	1 in each area

Physical Exam - Comprehensive

8 + organ systems '95
or
2 bullets in 9 systems '97

MUST HAVE THIS
Need 2 of 3 in this category

Medical Decision Making

Moderate = 3 points
need 2 of 3 in this category

A. Presenting Problem: *need 3 points*		
Self-limiting or minor problem	1 pt each	max =2
New problem w/o or w/ additional work-up	3 or 4 pts	
Stable problems	1 pt each	
Established worsening/unstable problems	2 pts each	
B. Data: *need 3 points*		
1 or more labs ordered and/or reviewed	1 pt	
1 or more radiology tests ordered and/or reviewed	1 pt	
1 or more any other (EKG, Stress test, sleep study, spirometry)	1 pt	
Review and summarize old records and/or obtaining history from someone other than patient and/or discussion of case with another health care provider	2 pts	
Independent review of image or tracing(not simply review of report)	2 pts	
Discussion of test results with performing physician	1 pt	
Decision to obtain old records and/or obtain history from someone other than patient	1 pt	

C. Risk: Moderate
One or more chronic illnesses w/mild exacerbation
2 or more stable chronic
undiagnosed new problem
acute illness with systemic conditions (eg colitis, pneumonitis)
acute complication injury (eg head injury with brief loss of consciousness)
prescription drug management or OTC at dose higher than box (eg Ibuprofren 800mg)

OR >50% of 80 minute visit was spent counseling
time must be documented
for example: TT45 >50% was spent counseling the patient on weight control, nutrition and the risk factors of smoking.

Service Code
99255

Consultation requires 3 of 3 components be met

MUST MEET EACH OF THESE

History - Comprehensive

Chief Complaint	Subjective; in patient words
HPI:	4 elements or 3 chronic's & status of each
ROS:	10 +
PFSH:	1 in each area

Physical Exam - Comprehensive

8 + organ systems '95
or
2 bullets in 9 systems '97

MUST HAVE THIS
Need 2 of 3 in this category

Medical Decision Making

High = 4 points

need 2 of 3 in this category

A. Presenting Problem: *need 4 points*

New problem w/o or w/ additional work-up	3 or 4 pts	max =1
Stable problems	1 pt each	
Established worsening problems	2 pts each	

excludes self-limiting or minor problem max =2

B. Data: *need 4 points*

1 or more labs ordered and/or reviewed	1 pt
1 or more radiology tests ordered and/or reviewed	1 pt
1 or more any other (EKG, Stress test, sleep study, spirometry)	1 pt
Review and summarize old records and/or obtaining history from someone other than patient and/or discussion of case with another health care provider	2 pts
Independent review of image or tracing(not simply review of report)	2 pts
Discussion of test results with performing physician	1 pt
Decision to obtain old records and/or obtain history from someone other than patient	1 pt

C. Risk: High

One or more chronic illnesses w/**severe** exacerbation
Acute/chronic illness or injury that pose a threat to life or bodily function
Elective or emergent major surgery with identified risk factors
Diagnostic endoscopies with identified risk factors
Parenteral controlled substances
Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity

OR >50% of 110 minute visit was spent counseling
time must be documented
for example: TT60 >50% was spent counseling the patient on weight control, nutrition and the risk factors of smoking.