



New Patient 99202 Documentation Requirements

When reporting for telemedicine

- Modifier -95 may be required depending on the payer.
- Place of service is 11, which also may vary by payer.

99202 - Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires these three components:

- An expanded problem focused history
- An expanded problem focused examination
- Straightforward medical decision making

Usually the presenting problem(s) are of low to moderate severity.

1. The physician signature is identifiable. If EHR, the physician signature is secure and a signature protocol is available for review.
2. Each page of the printed or copied record includes patient’s name, chart number or other patient identification.

History

3. Chief complaint
4. 1 to 3 elements listed below to meet the history of the present illness requirement

Location	Timing
Context	Quality
Modifying factor	Severity
Duration	Associated signs and symptoms

5. Only the system in the HPI must be documented and reviewed

Eyes	Gastrointestinal
Constitutional	Genitourinary
Ears, nose, mouth, throat	Integumentary
Cardiovascular	Neurological
Respiratory	Musculoskeletal
Hematologic/Lymphatic	Allergic/Immunologic
Psychiatric	Endocrine



6. Documentation of the following only as medically necessary or for MIPS reporting.

- Past history
- Family history
- Social history

Examination

7. Six to eight of the following 12 elements of the exam are performed

Visual acuity	Ocular adnexa	Lens
Confrontation visual fields	Pupil and iris	Intraocular pressure
Extraocular motility	Cornea	Optic nerve discs
Conjunctiva	Anterior chamber	Retina and vessels

8. Mental assessment not required. Dilation is not required.

Medical Decision Making

9. What is the diagnosis? _____

10. The ICD-10 code reflects the highest level of specificity

11. Must meet one of the following criteria:

- New problem to examiner: stable, improved or worsening
- Clinical lab test(s): ordered or reviewed
- Radiology tests: ordered or reviewed
- Other diagnostic tests: ordered or reviewed
- Review of old records and/or additional history from other than the patient

12. Must meet one of the two categories:

Presenting Problem(s)	Management Options Selected
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One self-limited or minor problem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bandage or superficial dressing • Observation • Home care instructions, i.e. warm compresses, lid scrubs