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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
<b>Number and/or Complexity of Problems Addressed at the Encounter</b>	<b>Minimal</b> 1 self-limited or minor problem	<b>Low</b> 2 self-limited or minor problems; <b>Or</b> 1 stable chronic illness; <b>Or</b> 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury	<b>Moderate</b> 1 or more chronic illnesses with exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment; <b>Or</b> 2 or more stable chronic illnesses; <b>Or</b> 1 undiagnosed new problem with uncertain prognosis; <b>Or</b> 1 acute illness with systemic symptoms; <b>Or</b> 1 acute complicated injury	<b>High</b> 1 or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression or side effects of treatment; <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> 1 of 2 Categories must be met Category 1: Tests and documents any combination of 2 from the following: • Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source; • Review of the results(s) of each unique test; • Ordering of each unique test; <b>Or</b> Category 2: Assessment requiring an independent historian(s)	<b>Moderate</b> At least 1 of 3 Categories must be met Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s). Any combination of 3 from the following: • Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source; • Review of the result(s) of each unique test; • Ordering of each unique test; • Assessment requiring an independent historian(s) <b>Or</b> Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests • Independent interpretation of a test performed by another physician/QHP (not separately reported); <b>Or</b> Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation • Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/QHP/appropriate source (not separately reported)	<b>Extensive</b> 2 of 3 Categories must be met Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s). Any combination of 3 from the following: • Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source • Review of the result(s) of each unique test • Ordering of each unique test • Assessment requiring an independent historian(s) <b>Or</b> Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests • Independent interpretation of a test performed by another physician/QHP (not separately reported) <b>Or</b> Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation • 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> Minimal risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing and treatment	<b>Low</b> Low risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment	<b>Moderate</b> Moderate risk of morbidity from additional testing or treatment. Examples only: • Prescription drug management • Decision regarding minor surgery with identified patient or procedure risk factors • Decision regarding elective major surgery without identified patient or procedure risk factors • Diagnosis or treatment significantly limited by social determinants of health	<b>High</b> High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment. Examples only: • Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity • Decision regarding elective major surgery with identified patient or procedure risk factors • Decision regarding emergency major surgery • Decision regarding hospitalization • Decision not to resuscitate or to de-escalate care because of poor prognosis
<b>Final Determination</b>	<b>99202</b> <b>99212</b>	<b>99203</b> <b>99213</b>	<b>99204</b> <b>99214</b>	<b>99205</b> <b>99215</b>