

2023 Brief Guide to Hospitalist Billing/Coding

Billing by Time: Must document specific amount of time, with the exception of discharge.

<i>Visit Type</i>	<i>Billing Code and Minimum Time Requirement</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Admission H&P	99221 – 40 min 99222 – 55 min 99223 – 75 min	
Subsequent F/U visit	99231 – 25 min 99232 – 35 min 99233 – 50 min	
Discharge	99238 99239 - >30 min	
Same day admit/DC	99234 – 45 min 99235 – 70 min 99236 – 85 min	Minimum 8 hr admission; requires 2 encounters and 2 notes.
Initial consult day	99252 – 35 min 99253 – 45 min 99254 – 60 min 99255 – 80 min	To be used on first day of consult; use F/U codes for subsequent days.
Prolonged service	99418 for each 15 minutes over the max	Must bill by time if using prolonged service code.

MDM billing: Must document at least 2 of the 3 elements

<u>ELEMENT 1: Number and Complexity of Problems</u>	<u>ELEMENT 2: Amount and/or Complexity of Data Reviewed and Analyzed</u>	<u>ELEMENT 3: Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity</u>
<u>MODERATE MDM</u> ■ 1 or more chronic illnesses with exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment; OR ■ 2 or more stable, chronic illnesses; OR ■ 1 new problem with uncertain prognosis; OR ■ 1 acute illness with systemic symptoms; OR ■ 1 acute, complicated injury	<u>MODERATE MDM: 1 category</u> <u>HIGH MDM: 2 or more categories</u> Category 1: Any combination of 3 from the following: • Review of prior external note(s); • Ordering unique test(s); • Independent review/interpretation of tests; • Gathering history from independent historian(s) OR Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests performed by another provider not separately reported OR Category 3: Discussion of the case with consultants or other treating physicians (e.g., referring ED, referring PCP, etc)	<u>MODERATE MDM</u> Moderate risk of morbidity from disease, diagnostic testing or treatment <u>HIGH MDM</u> High risk of morbidity from disease, diagnostic testing or treatment
<u>HIGH MDM</u> ■ 1 or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment; OR ■ 1 acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or function		