

## 2024 Emergency Department E/M Audit Tool

Provider Name & ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Pt. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

D.O.S. \_\_\_\_\_ Code Billed: \_\_\_\_\_ Auditor's Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Complaint: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Nature and severity of presenting problem)*

Medically appropriate history and exam documented?  Yes  No

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To qualify for a particular level of MDM, two of the three elements for that level of MDM must be met or exceeded

### Elements of Medical Decision Making

Code	Level of MDM (Based on 2 of 3 Elements of MDM)	Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed	Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed <i>*Each unique test, order, or document contributes to the combination of 2 or combination of 3 in Category 1 below</i>	Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management
99281	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
99282	Straightforward	<b>Minimal</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 self-limited or minor problem</li> </ul>	Minimal or none	<b>Minimal risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment</b> <i>Examples only:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rest</li> <li>• Superficial dressings</li> </ul>
99283	Low	<b>Low</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 or more self-limited or minor problems; or</li> <li>• 1 stable chronic illness; or</li> <li>• 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury or</li> <li>• 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury requiring hospital inpatient or observation level of care</li> </ul>	<b>Limited</b> <i>(Must meet the requirements of at least 1 of 2 categories)</i> <b>Category 1: Tests and documents</b> <b>Any combination of 2 of the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of prior external notes(s) from each unique source*;</li> <li>• review of the result(s) of each unique test*;</li> <li>• ordering of each unique test*</li> </ul> <b>or</b> <b>Category 2: Assessment requiring an independent historian(s)</b> <i>(For the categories of independent interpretation of tests and discussion of management or test interpretation, see moderate or high)</i>	<b>Low risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment</b>  <i>Examples only:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over the counter drugs</li> <li>• Physical Therapy</li> <li>• Minor surgery with no identified risk factors</li> <li>• IV fluids without additives</li> </ul>
99284	Moderate	<b>Moderate</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 or more chronic illnesses with exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment;</li> </ul> <b>or</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 or more stable chronic illnesses;</li> </ul> <b>or</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 undiagnosed new problem with uncertain prognosis;</li> </ul> <b>or</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 acute illness with systemic symptoms;</li> </ul> <b>or</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 acute complicated injury</li> </ul>	<b>Moderate</b> <i>(Must meet the requirements of at least 1 out of 3 categories)</i> <b>Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Any combination of 3 from the following:</b></li> <li>• Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source*;</li> <li>• Review of the result(s) of each unique test*;</li> <li>• Ordering of each unique test*;</li> <li>• Assessment requiring an independent historian(s)</li> </ul> <b>or</b> <b>Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent interpretation of a test performed by another physician/other qualified health care professional (not separately reported);</li> </ul> <b>or</b> <b>Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other qualified health care professional/appropriate</li> </ul>	<b>Moderate risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment</b>  <i>Examples only:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prescription drug management</li> <li>• Decision regarding minor surgery with identified patient or procedure risk factors</li> <li>• Decision regarding elective major surgery without identified patient or procedure risk factors</li> <li>• Diagnosis or treatment significantly limited by social determinants of health</li> </ul>
99285	High	<b>High</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment;</li> </ul> <b>or</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or bodily function</li> </ul>	<b>Extensive</b> <i>(Must meet the requirements of at least 2 out of 3 categories)</i> <b>Category 1: Tests, documents, or independent historian(s)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Any combination of 3 from the following:</b></li> <li>• Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source*;</li> <li>• Review of the result(s) of each unique test*;</li> <li>• Ordering of each unique test*;</li> <li>• Assessment requiring an independent historian(s)</li> </ul> <b>or</b> <b>Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent interpretation of a test performed by another physician/other qualified health care professional (not separately reported);</li> </ul> <b>or</b> <b>Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other qualified health care professional/appropriate source (not separately reported)</li> </ul>	<b>High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment</b> <i>Examples only:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity</li> <li>• Decision regarding elective major surgery with identified patient or procedure risk factors</li> <li>• Decision regarding emergency major surgery</li> <li>• Decision regarding hospitalization or escalation of hospital level of care</li> <li>• Decision not to resuscitate or to de-escalate care because of poor prognosis</li> <li>• Parenteral controlled substances</li> </ul>

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