


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
99282	<b>Straightforward</b> <b>Minimal</b> • 1 self-limited or minor problem	<b>Minimal or none</b>	<b>Minimal risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment</b> <b>No CPT examples</b> • <i>Simple suture/packing removal</i> • <i>Uncomplicated work release</i>
99283	<b>Low</b> • 2 or more self-limited or minor problems  • 1 stable chronic illness  • 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury  • 1 stable, acute illness  • 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury requiring hospital inpatient or observation level of care	<b>Limited</b> <i>(Must meet the requirements of at least 1 of the 2 categories)</i> <b>Category 1: Tests and documents</b> • <b>Any combination of 2 from the following:</b> • Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source* • review of the result(s) of each unique test* • ordering of each unique test*  <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> <b>No CPT examples</b> • <i>Ace wrap / Superficial Dressing</i> • <i>Radiation exposure from simple extremity X-ray</i> • <i>Throat/nasal swab</i> • <i>Venipuncture</i> • <i>Adult OTC Meds</i> • <i>Pediatric OTC Meds</i> – <i>Acetaminophen (Tylenol), age &gt; 24 months</i> – <i>Ibuprofen (Motrin) patient age &gt; 6 months</i> – <i>Diphenhydramine (Benadryl) age &gt; 6 years</i>
99284	<b>Moderate</b> • 1 or more chronic illnesses with exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment  • 2 or more stable chronic illnesses  • 1 undiagnosed new problem with uncertain prognosis  • 1 acute illness with systemic symptoms  • 1 acute complicated injury	<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> • <b>Any combination of 3 from the following:</b> • 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>Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests</b> • Independent interpretation of a test performed by another physician/other qualified health care professional (not separately reported);  <b>Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation</b> • Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other qualified health care professional/appropriate source (not separately reported)	<b>Moderate risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment</b> Examples only: • Prescription drug management, including those required for procedures (e.g., lidocaine, tetanus) • Decision regarding minor surgery with identified patient or procedure risk factors • Diagnosis or treatment significantly limited by SDOH • <i>Radiation exposure from CT scan or Head, Neck, or Torso X-ray</i> • <i>Administration of IV Fluids</i> • <i>Infant OTC Meds</i> – <i>Acetaminophen (Tylenol), age &lt; 24 months</i> – <i>Ibuprofen (Motrin) patient age &lt; 6 months</i> – <i>Diphenhydramine (Benadryl) age &lt; 6 years</i> • <i>Rigid Musculoskeletal Immobilization (e.g., splint or cast)</i>
99285	<b>High</b> • 1 or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment  • 1 acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or bodily function  	<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> • <b>Any combination of 3 from the following:</b> • 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>Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests</b> • Independent interpretation of a test performed by another physician/other qualified health care professional (not separately reported)  <b>Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation</b> • Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other qualified health care professional/appropriate source (not separately reported)	<b>High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment</b> 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 or escalation of care • Decision not to resuscitate or to de-escalate care • Parenteral controlled substances • <i>CT Scan w/ IV contrast</i> • <i>Category D pregnancy medications</i> • <i>Administration of moderate sedation</i> • <i>Anticoagulation Therapy</i> • <i>Physical restraints</i>

*Italicized red text* are ED relevant Risk examples developed by the American College of Emergency Physicians Coding and Nomenclature Advisory Committee.