

Using Time to Code Evaluation and Management

1. If counseling or coordination of care dominates more than 50% of total time with patient, **select the service level** for the visit by **average time**. Use **Row 1** of the appropriate patient type and status. Total duration of time present with the patient and the total duration of time counseling must be documented along with the medical necessity for the counseling or coordination of care. **Hx, Ex, and Dx** are not the key components for leveling. Time is considered the key component.

OR

2. If there is a condition that is a medical necessity, and an additional 30 minutes or more beyond the **average time** of the level supported by the documentation of **Hx, Ex, and Dx**; **then code** the level supported plus the appropriate add-on prolong service code(s). Compare the documented time in chart to **average time** plus 30 min (see **Row 2**). If it is greater, then **see table at bottom of sheet** for prolonged code(s).

OUTPATIENT	1.	<i>Avg. time</i>	99211	5	99212	10	99213	15	99214	25	99215	40
Established		<i>Plus</i>		<u>30</u>		<u>30</u>		<u>30</u>		<u>30</u>		<u>30</u>
<i>face to face</i>	2.	<i>see table</i>		35		40		45		55		70

OUTPATIENT	1.	<i>Avg. time</i>	99201	10	99202	20	99203	30	99204	45	99205	60
New		<i>Plus</i>		<u>30</u>		<u>30</u>		<u>30</u>		<u>30</u>		<u>30</u>
<i>face to face</i>	2.	<i>see table</i>		40		50		60		75		90

INPATIENT	1.	<i>Avg. time</i>	99221	30	99222	50	99223	70				
Admit		<i>Plus</i>		<u>30</u>		<u>30</u>		<u>30</u>				
<i>unit / floor</i>	2.	<i>see table</i>		60		80		100				

INPATIENT	1.	<i>Avg. time</i>	99231	15	99232	25	99233	35				
Subsequent		<i>Plus</i>		<u>30</u>		<u>30</u>		<u>30</u>				
<i>unit / floor</i>	2.	<i>see table</i>		45		55		65				

INPATIENT	1.	<i>Avg. time</i>	99301	30	99302	40	99303	50				
Comp -SNF		<i>Plus</i>		<u>30</u>		<u>30</u>		<u>30</u>				
<i>unit / floor</i>	2.	<i>see table</i>		60		70		80				

INPATIENT	1.	<i>Avg. time</i>	99311	15	99312	25	99313	35				
Subseq -SNF		<i>Plus</i>		<u>30</u>		<u>30</u>		<u>30</u>				
<i>unit / floor</i>	2.	<i>see table</i>		45		55		65				

Prolonged Services add-on code(s)

Total Duration			Outpatient	Inpatient
Less than	-	30 min	not reported	not reported
30	-	74 min	99354 x 1	99356 x 1
75	-	104 min	99354 x 1 & 99355 x 1	99356 x 1 & 99357 x 1
105	-	134 min	99354 x 1 & 99355 x 2	99356 x 1 & 99357 x 2
135	-	164 min	99354 x 1 & 99355 x 3	99356 x 1 & 99357 x 3