



INPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES (1995 Guidelines)

Initial Hospital Care

(Documentation must support all 3 key elements¹)

Code	History	Physical Exam ³	Decision Complexity ¹	Counseling/ Coordination of Care – Visit Time ²
99221 Detailed Hx & Exam (problem(s) are of low severity)	CC; HPI (4+); ROS (2-9); PFSH (1:3)	Extended exam 2-7 Body areas/Organ systems	Straightforward or low	30 minutes
99222 Comprehensive Hx & Exam (problem(s) are of mod. severity)	CC; HPI (4+); ROS (10); PFSH (3)	Gen'l Multisystem 8+ Organ Systems	Moderate	50 minutes
99223 Comprehensive Hx & Exam (Problem(s) are of high severity)	CC; HPI (4+); ROS (10); PFSH (3)	Gen'l Multisystem 8+ Organ Systems	High	70 minutes

Subsequent Hospital Care

(Documentation must support 2 of the 3 key elements)

Code	History	Physical Exam ³	Decision Complexity ¹	Counseling/ Coordination of Care – Visit Time ²
99231 Problem Focused Hx. & Exam (patient is stable, recovering or improving)	CC; HPI (1-3)	Limited exam of 1+ Body Areas/Organ Systems	Straightforward or low	15 minutes
99232 Expanded Problem Focused Interval History/EPF exam (Patient is responding inadequately to treatment or has developed a minor complication)	CC; HPI (1-3); ROS (1)	Limited exam of 2-7 Body Areas/Organ Systems	Moderate	25 minutes
99233 Detailed Interval Hx. Detailed Exam (patient is unstable or has developed a significant new problem)	CC; HPI (4+); ROS (2-9);	Extended exam of 2-7 Body Areas/Organ Systems	High	35 minutes

¹ Two of the following must meet or exceed the requirements for the level chosen:

1. Number of Diagnoses and/or Management Options
2. Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed
3. Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality

² Time should only be used to choose the level of service when the visit consists predominantly (>50%) of counseling or coordination of care

³ BODY AREAS: Head, incldg. face Chest, incldg. breasts & axillae Abdomen
 Back, incldg. Spine Neck Genitalia, groin, buttocks Each extremity

ORGAN SYSTEMS: Constitutional (e.g. vitals, gen. app.) Ears, nose, mouth, throat Respiratory
 Hem/lymph/immn Skin GI Eyes
 Cardiovascular GU Neuro Musculo Psyche

¹ Key elements are: History, Exam, Medical Decision Making