

Category of Services of Evaluation and Management Services

In this place of service/status of patient	For this payer	Use this category of code
In the office, self referred	For ALL PAYERS	New or established patient, 99201 – 99205, 99211 – 99215
In the office, consultation	If MEDICARE	New or established patient, 99201 – 99205, 99211 – 99215
	If COMMERCIAL	Office/outpatient consultation 99241 – 99245
In the hospital, inpatient status initial service by admitting physician.	If MEDICARE	Initial hospital service, 99221 – 99223 with AI modifier
	If COMMERCIAL	Initial hospital service, 99221 – 99223 with no modifier
In the hospital, inpatient status consultation – first visit this admission	If MEDICARE	Initial hospital service, 99221 – 99223 with no modifier
	If COMMERCIAL	Inpatient consultation codes 99251 – 99255
In the hospital, inpatient status follow up visits	For ALL PAYERS, ALL DOCTORS	Subsequent hospital visits, 99231 – 99233
Emergency Department – called to see own patient	If MEDICARE	Emergency Department visits 99281 – 99285
	If COMMERCIAL	New or established patient, 99201 – 99205, 99211 – 99215
Emergency Department in consultation	If MEDICARE	Emergency Department visits 99281 – 99285
	If COMMERCIAL	Office/outpatient consultation 99241 – 99245
Patient in observation status, admitting physician	For ALL PAYERS	Observation codes 99218 – 99220, 99217, 99234 – 99236
Patient in observation status, consulting physician	If MEDICARE	New or established patient, 99201 – 99205, 99211 – 99215
	If COMMERCIAL	Office/outpatient consultation 99241 – 99245
Initial nursing home service (admission)	For ALL PAYERS	Initial nursing facility codes, 99304 – 99306. For Medicare, only physicians may use these codes
Initial nursing home facility service consultation	If MEDICARE	Initial nursing facility codes, 99304 – 99306. Use AI modifier. For Medicare, only physicians may use these codes
	If COMMERCIAL	Inpatient consultation codes 99251 – 99255