

## 2023 Evaluation and Management Emergency Department Visits Medical Decision Making (MDM)

Using **Medical Decision Making (MDM)** as the determining factor:

**Code (level) selection requires two of the following three elements be met:**

- Number and complexity of **problem(s) addressed** during the encounter
  - Count only diagnoses receiving active treatment during the encounter
  - See Medical Decision Making Table for examples for each level\*
- Amount / Complexity of **data to be reviewed** and analyzed
  - Changes reflect specific combinations of work to score MDM\*
- **Risk** of complications, morbidity / mortality of patient management decisions made at the visit
  - See Medical Decision Making Table for examples for each level\*

### Levels of MDM for Emergency Department Visits

MDM	Code	Problems Addressed	Data to Review	Risk
<b>Straightforward</b>	99282	Straightforward	Minimal / None	Minimal
<b>Low</b>	99283	Low	Limited	Low
<b>Moderate</b>	99284	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
<b>High</b>	99285	High	Extensive	High

\*Refer to the Medical Decision Making Table (handout) for detailed requirements for each level of MDM.



**Time is not an element that may be used for code selection criteria with the Emergency Department Evaluation and Management category of codes.**