

Level of MDM (Based on 2 out of 3 Elements of MDM)	Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed at the Encounter	Amount and/or Complexity of Data to Be Reviewed and Analyzed *Each unique test, order, or document contributes to the combination of 2 or combination of 3 in Category 1 Below	Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management
Straightforward	Minimal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 self-limited or minor problem 	Minimal or none	Minimal risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing
Low	Low <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 or more self-limited or minor problems; 1 stable, chronic illness; 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury; 1 acute, uncomplicated illness or injury requiring hospital inpatient or observation level of care 	Limited (<i>Must meet the requirements of at least 1 out of 2 categories</i>) Category 1: Tests and documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any combination of 2 from the following: Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source*; Review of the result(s) of each unique test*; Or Category 2: Assessment requiring an independent historian(s) (<i>For the categories of independent interpretation of tests and discussion of management or test interpretation, see moderate or high</i>)	Low risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment
Moderate	Moderate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Moderate (<i>Must meet the requirements of at least 1 out of 3 categories</i>) Category 1: Tests and documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any combination of 3 from the following: Review of prior external note(s) from each unique source*; Review of the result(s) of each unique test*; Assessment requiring an independent historian Or Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests	Moderate risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment <i>Examples only:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prescription drug management Decision regarding minor surgery with identified patient or procedure risk factors Decision regarding elective major surgery without identified patient or procedure risk factors

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent interpretation of a test performed by another physician/other QHP (not separately reported); <p>Or</p> <p>Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/other QHP/appropriate source (not separately reportable) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diagnosis or treatment significantly limited by social determinants of health
High	<p>High</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<p>Extensive (<i>Must meet the requirements of at least 2 out of 3 categories</i>)</p> <p>Category 1: Tests, documents or independent historians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any combination of 3 from the following: 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) <p>Or</p> <p>Category 2: Independent interpretation of tests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent interpretation of a test performed by another physician/other QHP <p>Or</p> <p>Category 3: Discussion of management or test interpretation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of management or test interpretation with external physician/QHP/appropriate source (not separately reported) 	<p>High risk of morbidity from additional diagnostic testing or treatment</p> <p><i>Examples only:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 hospital-level care Decision not to resuscitate or to de-escalate care because of poor prognosis Parenteral controlled substances