



The History

CPT code 99203 includes a Detailed History:

- CC: Chief Complaint (at least 1)
- HPI: History of Present Illness (4)
- ROS: Review of Systems (2-9)
- PFSH: Past, Family and/or Social History (1)



CPT CODING CHART FOR THE HISTORY

CPT Code	HPI	ROS	PFSH
99201 (10)	1-3	N/A	N/A
99202 (20)	1-3	1	N/A
99203 (30)	4	2-9	1
99204 (45)	4	10	3
99205 (60)	4	10	3

At least one chief complaint is required for all levels



The Examination

CPT code 99203 includes a Detailed Examination:

- A detailed examination according to the 1997 E/M documentation guidelines must include 12 elements/findings within the single organ musculoskeletal system



CPT CODING CHART FOR THE EXAMINATION

CPT Code	Amount of Required Findings
99201	1-5
99202	6
99203	12
99204 & 99205	All elements within the shaded boxes and at least 1 element within the unshaded boxes. See 1997 E/M guidelines for specifics.



Medical Decision Making (MDM)

CPT code 99203 includes **Low Complexity Decision Making:**

- MDM refers to establishing a diagnosis, reviewing and/or obtaining diagnostic tests/records, deciding on the risk of complications associated with the patients presenting problem and choosing treatment options



Acute Phase of Care CPT Codes

- **97010:** Cold Packs
- **97012:** Mechanical Traction
- **97014/G0283:** Electrical Muscle Stimulation (unattended)
- **98940-98943:** Chiropractic Adjustments
- **99058:** Service(s) provided on an emergency basis in the office, which disrupts other scheduled office services, in addition to basic service



Re-evaluation

- On or about the 12th visit
- CPT codes 99211, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215
- Determine if patient is improving as expected or better than expected
- Determine if patient is not improving as expected or worsening
- Create new treatment plan and begin sub-acute phase of care



CPT CODING CHART FOR ESTABLISHED PATIENT E/M

CPT Code	History	Exam	MDM
99211	N/A	By DC	Required
99212	Prob. Focused	Prob. Focused	Straight-forward
99213	Exp. Prob. Focused	Exp. Prob. Focused	Low Complexity
99214	Detailed	Detailed	Moderate Complexity
99215	Comprehensive	Comprehensive	High Complexity



Sub-acute Phase of Care CPT Codes

- **97010:** Hot Packs
- **97035:** Ultrasound
- **97110:** Therapeutic Exercises
- **97140:** Manual Therapy
- **97535:** ADL
- **98940-98943:** Chiropractic Adjustments
- **2nd** Re-evaluation must show objective/functional improvement



Supportive/Maintenance Phase of Care Codes

- Discharge exam to supportive care
- Insurance should not be billed most of the time
- **S8990:** Physical or manipulative therapy performed for maintenance rather than restoration
- **98940-98943:** Chiropractic Adjustments