

2021 E&M EHR Template Update User Guide

This document provides on overview of the changes to E&M coding under the 2021 E&M Coding Guidelines and reviews the rheumatology workflows for calculating E&M codes according to 2021 Coding Guidelines after installing the 2021 E&M EHR Template Update.

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E&M Coding Under 2021 Coding Guidelines

After installing the 2021 E&M EHR Template Update, users can perform and calculate E&M coding under the 2021 Coding Guidelines on the *Finalize-RHE template. The 2021 Coding Guidelines will be enabled on the template based on a configurable effective date (accessible from ngkbm_config), which will be set to 01/01/2021 in the production environment. In a testing environment, this effective date can be changed to a previous date for testing and training purposes.

For encounters on or after the effective date, the 2021 Coding Guidelines will be enabled and calculate E&M codes based on one of the following:

- Medical Decision Making (MDM) level selected
- Total time spent on patient care and documentation for the visit, which includes the face-to-face time with the patient and other time personally spent by the physician and/or other qualified healthcare professionals on the day of the encounter

Users can include counseling time in the total time, but the 2021 Coding Guidelines do not require over 50 percent of total time be spent in counseling or coordinating care.

The 2021 Coding Guidelines apply to certain visit types that use codes 99202-99205 for a new patient and 99212-99215 for an established patient. Code 99201 will expire effective January 1, 2021 and code 99211 is typically used for a nurse visit and does not have MDM or time criteria.

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Calculating an E&M Code under 2021 Coding Guidelines on *Finalize-RHE

To calculate an E&M code under the 2021 Coding Guidelines, the MDM level must be selected or time entered on the *Finalize-RHE template. To compare E&M codes, users can switch between calculation methods. However, the user cannot combine codes from both methods. The system will use the last calculated code.

- 1. Launch the *Finalize-RHE template and select a Medical Decision Making level or enter time on the Evaluation and Management Coding panel.
 - a. To calculate by MDM level, select the complexity level. NOTE: For more information on complexity levels, click the View MDM Guidelines link.
 - b. To calculate by time, click in the time field, enter the total time in minutes, and click OK. NOTE: The minimum time must be 15 minutes for new patients and 10 minutes for established patients.

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2. The calculated code will display in the Visit Code field and be selected below. To override the calculated code, manually select an E&M code for a new or established patient. NOTE: Code 99211 for Nurse Visit cannot be calculated and must be manually selected.

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3. If the calculated code has been overridden, the calculated code still appears in the Calculated EM field while the manually selected code will show in the Visit code field. The user can proceed with normal workflow.

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If the submitted code is calculated based on the total time, the generated master document for the encounter will include the total time in minutes entered on the *Finalize-RHE. If counseling time is also documented, counseling time (in minutes) appears separately from the total time.