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### 1. E&M Procedure Code 99201 Inactivation effective January 1, 2021.

Effective January 1, 2021, the evaluation and management (E&M) service procedure code 99201 will be inactivated. Psychiatrists and Nurse Practitioners performing E&M services will use the procedure codes other than the 99201 within the duration listed in page 2 of this bulletin and in the Provider Manual.

### 2. E&M Procedure Codes Duration Changes effective January 1, 2021

Effective January 1, 2021, some of the E&M service durations of face-to-face or telehealth in minutes are revised. There is no change in the reimbursement rate. The selection of E&M service codes should be based on the level of the medical decision making. When choosing the appropriate procedure code, Network Providers must select the appropriate set of codes that are identified according to the service, place of service, and duration of the service. The duration changes are provided in page 2 of this bulletin.

When submitting claims for reimbursement, please input the exact service time in minutes as documented in the patient's record. The telehealth modifier GT must be added to the procedure code for claiming video telehealth services until further notice from the Local Mental Health Plan.

**MD/DO AND NP SERVICES**  
**EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT DURATION CHANGES - OFFICE OR OTHER OUTPATIENT SERVICES**

Activity	Code	Duration of Face-To-Face or Telehealth till 12/31/2020	Duration of Face-To-Face or Telehealth effective 1/1/2021
<b>E&amp;M Office or Other Outpatient Services – New Client</b> <i>Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient</i>  <i><u>New Patient</u>: Someone who has <u>not</u> been seen by the MD/DO/NP or the NP/MD/DO within the same group practice, within the past three years.</i>	99201	10-20 min.	Inactivated
	99202	21-29 min.	15-29 min.
	99203	30-39 min.	30-44 min.
	99204	40-59 min.	45-59 min.
<b>E&amp;M Office or Other Outpatient Services – Established Client</b> <i>Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient</i>  <i><u>Established Patient</u>: Someone who has been seen by the MD/DO/NP or the NP/MD/DO within the same group practice, within the past three years.</i>	99212	10-20 min.	10-19 min.
	99213	21-24 min.	20-29 min.
	99214	25-39 min.	30-39 min.

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