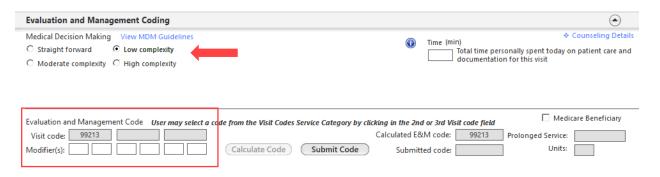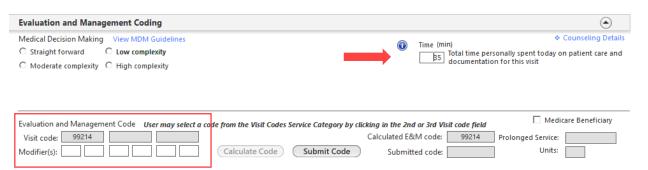# Finalize Template Enhancements

In 6.2021.1 the E&M Code panel has been updated with the following: Updated 2021 E&M Code Guidelines; Prolonged Service Field; Medicare Beneficiary check box; Documenting Additional E&M Codes.

Updated 2021 E&M Coding:

1. The 2021 Coding Guidelines calculate E&M codes based on one of the following:
   a. MDM level selected

   b. 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.
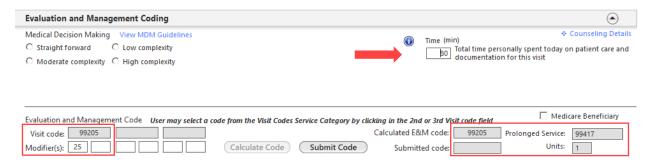
Prolonged Service for Non-Medicare Beneficiary

1. You can report time greater than 74 minutes for a new patient for code 99205 or greater than 54 minutes for an established patient for code 99215.

2. New Patient Prolonged Service

   a. By entering a time greater than 74 minutes in the Time section of the panel, the system will attach a 25 modifier to the visit code and add the 99417 prolonged service code, with the appropriate units based on total time.

3. Established Patient Prolonged Service
   a. By entering a time greater than 54 minutes in the Time section of the panel, the system will attach a 25 modifier to the visit code and add the 99417 prolonged service code, with the appropriate units based on total time.
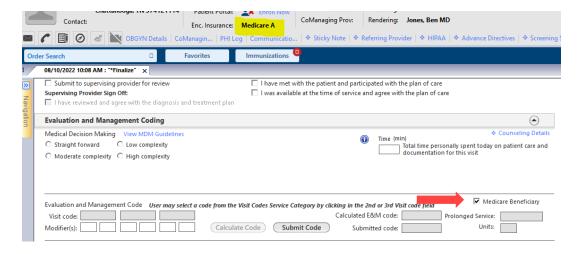

Prolonged Service for Medicare Beneficiary

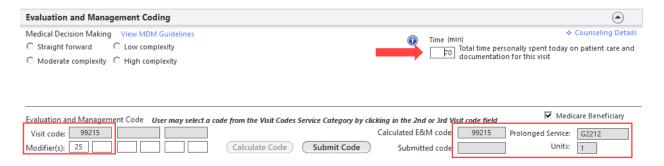1. The Medicare Beneficiary check box will automatically be checked when the patient has a Medicare Insurance plan.

2. You can report time greater than 88 minutes for a new patient code 99205 and greater than 68 minutes for an established patient code 99215.

3. New Patient Medicare Beneficiary Prolonged Service
   a. By entering a time greater than 88 minutes in the Time section of the panel, the system will attach a 25 modifier to the visit code and add the 99417 prolonged service code, with the appropriate units based on total time.

4. Established Patient Medicare Beneficiary Prolonged Service
   a. By entering a time greater than 68 minutes in the Time section of the panel, the system will attach a 25 modifier to the visit code and add the 99417 prolonged service code, with the appropriate units based on total time.
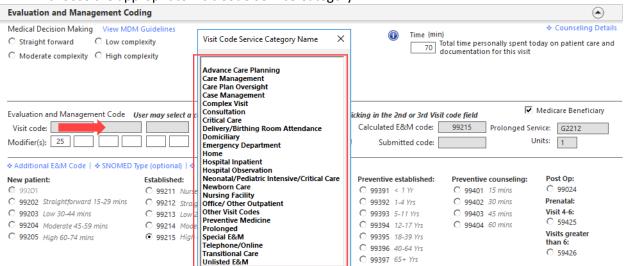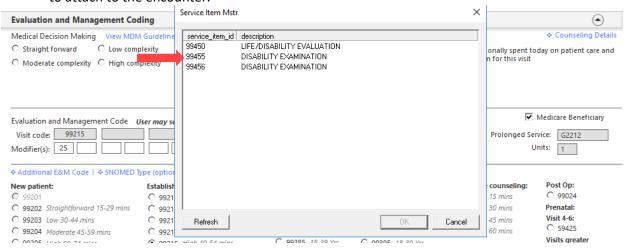
Documenting Additional E&M Codes

1. To add an additional E&M code to the current visit, click on the next empty Visit Code Box and choose the appropriate Visit Code Service Category.

2. Once you select the appropriate Visit Code Service Category, choose the appropriate E&M code to attach to the encounter.

3. Once you have chose your MDM complexity or Time, any appropriate Additional E&M code, you may now click on Submit Code.

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Evaluation and Management Coding

Medical Decision Making   View MDM Guidelines

- ○ Straight forward   ○ Low complexity
- ○ Moderate complexity ○ High complexity

Time (min)
70 Total time personally spent today on patient care and documentation for this visit

❖ Counseling Details

Evaluation and Management Code *User may select a code from the Visit Codes Service Category by clicking in the 2nd or 3rd Visit code field*   ☑ Medicare Beneficiary

Visit code: 99215 99455 ____   Calculated E&M code: 99215   Prolonged Service: G2212

Modifier(s): 25 __ __ __   Calcula____ Submit Code   Submitted code: ____   Units: 1