

## How do you calculate fee structure on a time basis?

Figure out the doctor's hourly rate (\$250-\$400/hour is common) and use the E & M codes accordingly. 99201 is 10 minutes new patient exam (bill 1/6 of the hourly fee). 99202 is 20 minutes new patient exam (bill 1/3 of hourly fee). 99203 is 30 minutes new patient exam (bill 1/2 hour). DON'T use 99304 or 99205 because, even though they are for 45 minutes and 60 minutes respectively, they have an element of "morbidity and mortality" and nobody is going to die in a chiropractic office.

For re-exams, use 99211 (5 minute re-exam, bill 1/12 hour), 99212 (10 minute re-exam, bill 1/6 hour) and 99213 (15 minutes re-exam, bill 1/4 hour)

If the actual exam time exceeds whatever time is available under the code used, one can bill 99354 which means "Extra time of 30 minutes" and it is billed IN ADDITION TO the exam or re-exam code. It can ONLY be billed where there is AT LEAST 30 minutes over. Bill 1/2 hour for those 30 minutes. For example, New patient exam that runs 65 minutes face to face with the patient you can bill 99203 (1st 30 minutes) AND 99354 (extra 30 minutes) and MUST document in the notes, "65 minutes face to face with the patient"