

99214

History	Scoring using 1995 Guidelines	Scoring using 2021 Guidelines
CC: Ms. Pacheco is a 64 y.o. female who is seen today for labs and monitoring hypothyroidism and obesity	99213	99214
HPI: She is taking her Levothyroxine .75 nightly on an empty stomach. She feels that her sleep, attention, and weight have been stable but “not great”. She admits she does not exercise much.	HPI (1) modifying factors (2) quality (3) Associated Signs & Symptoms  HPI: Brief	Document Chief Complaint and History as required to support medical necessity for the service.  No components are scored
<p>REVIEW OF SYSTEMS:  <b>Constitutional:</b> Denies: Fever  <b>Gastrointestinal:</b> Denies: Abdominal pain  <b>Genitourinary (female):</b> Denies: Urinary frequency, Urinary urgency</p> <p>MEDICAL, FAMILY &amp; SOCIAL HISTORY as recorded in chart:            Past Medical History:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anemia</li> <li>• Diabetes type 2, controlled</li> <li>• Elevated serum cholesterol</li> <li>• Hyperthyroidism</li> </ul> <p>Patient's family history is not on file.</p> <p>Social History: employed as a teacher, married.</p>	<p>ROS- 2-9 Detailed            Past History (1) Social History (1)            No Family History</p> <p>History – Expanded Problem Focused</p>	
<p>Physical Exam: PHYSICAL EXAMINATION:  <b>Constitutional:</b> well-developed well-nourished female in NAD,  <b>HEENT:</b> Pharynx normal  <b>Neck:</b> Normal inspection, Non-tender  <b>Respiratory:</b> Chest non-tender, No respiratory distress, No accessory muscle use, Rhonchi  <b>Cardiovascular:</b> Regular rate, rhythm, No murmur  <b>Back:</b> Other (severe scoliosis)</p>	<p>1. Constitutional            2. Musculoskeletal</p> <p>Exam: Detailed</p>	No components are scored

<b>Extremities:</b> Normal inspection <b>Neurologic/Psychiatric:</b> Normal mood/affect		
Impression: Hypothyroidism, Obesity  2 stable chronic illnesses	2 stable chronic illnesses  2 points	2 stable chronic illnesses  Moderate
Labs	TSH (1) lab work 1 point	TSH (1) lab work
Orders: Levothyroxine	MEDICATION MANAGEMENT (moderate)	MEDICATION MANAGEMENT (moderate)
Time Component not documented	None stated	N/A
Level of Service	99213 New Patient Office Visit History – Exp Prob Focused Exam – Detailed MDM – Low	99214 History-Appropriate Exam-Appropriate MDM-Moderate

Coding: 99214

**Rationale:**

The complexity of Medical Decision Making is based on 2 of 3 categories: Moderate  
 (1) Number and Complexity of Problems addressed, (2 or more stable chronic illnesses) Moderate  
 (2) Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed and Analyzed; (1 Lab test, TSH)  
 (3) Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management: (Prescription drug management) Moderate

**Bonus Tip:** The approved revisions to 99202-99215 require that a medically appropriate history and examination be performed: beyond this requirement, the history and exam do not affect coding.