



Billing for Time/Labor Spent Consulting with VTCPAP:

Tips for Vermont PCPs

Utilize Time-Based Billing with Specialists/Consultants

- If you see the patient *on the same day* that you consult with VTCPAP, some providers have had success adding that consult time onto the *patient visit* time (since time-based billing includes speaking to specialists).

Bill Under Medical Decision-Making, or Time

- This includes time before/after and face to face, time if calling consult service and talking to specialist - but all has to be billed on the DATE OF SERVICE

Try Care Coordination Codes

- PCPs may be able to bill for prepping to see the patient, (i.e. communicating with other health care professionals - not separately reported) as part of your care coordination.

Access AAP's Billing Resources:

- **AAP Practice Management website** - <https://www.aap.org/en/practice-management/>
 - Look under the "Coding and Valuation" tab for many FREE webinars and resources on the 2021 Revisions to Evaluation and Management Coding:
<https://www.aap.org/en/practice-management/practice-financing/coding-and-valuation/>
- **Free AAP Coding Webinars:**
https://publications.aap.org/codingnews/resources/18690?_ga=2.186198697.1643544532.1687626668-447919412.1684944266&_gac=1.124647160.1687634245.Cj0KQCQjwqNqkBhDIARIsAFaxvwxAqUrWIsA3euBUxnm7KPd4W4Vvh0FGmPaW3wh8mZKmbM45_IafN8kaAoEiEALw_wcB
- **Contact the AAP Coding Hotline for coding or payer-related questions/hassles:**
<https://form.jotform.com/Subspecialty/aapcodinghotline>

2021 Time Ranges for Office-Based E/M Services*

New Patient	2021 Total Time Range		Established Patient	2021 Total Time Range
99202	15-29 mins		99212	10-19 mins
99203	30-44 mins		99213	20-29 mins
99204	45-59 mins		99214	30-39 mins
99205	60-74 mins		99215	50-54 mins

*Table data sourced from [AAP.org](https://www.aap.org)

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