**1995 Physical Exam Rules**

For the purposes of documenting the physical exam, the 1995 E/M guidelines recognize the following body areas and organ systems:

**Body Areas**

   1)   Head, including the face
   2)   Neck
   3)   Chest, including breasts and axillae
   4)   Abdomen
   5)   Genitalia, groin, buttocks
   6)   Back, including spine
   7)   Each extremity

**Organ Systems**

   1)   Constitutional (e.g., vital signs, general appearance)
   2)   Eyes
   3)   Ears, nose, mouth and throat
   4)   Cardiovascular
   5)   Respiratory
   6)   Gastrointestinal
   7)   Genitourinary
   8)   Musculoskeletal
   9)   Skin
 10)   Neurologic
 11)   Psychiatric
 12)   Hematologic/lymphatic/immunologic

Using the 1995 E/M guidelines, the various levels of physical exam are defined as follows:

**Problem Focused—**a limited examination of the affected body area or organ system (1 system/area)

**Expanded Problem Focused—**a limited examination of the affected body area or organ system and other symptomatic or related organ systems (2-5 systems/areas)

**Detailed—**an extended examination of the affected body area(s) and other symptomatic or related organ system(s) (6-7 systems/areas)

**Comprehensive—**a general multi-system examination with comprehensive examination of affected organ system and examination other related systems (at least 8 systems)