

# Critical Care Time Chart

This reference chart aids healthcare professionals in accurately referencing the appropriate CPT codes based on the total duration of critical care provided to a patient. Proper documentation is crucial for accurate billing and reimbursement.

Critical care duration and corresponding CPT codes	
Total duration of critical care	Corresponding CPT code
Less than 30 minutes	99232 or 99233 (or other appropriate E/M code)
30 - 74 minutes	99291 X 1
75 - 104 minutes	99291 x1 and 99292 x1
105 - 134 minutes	99291 x1 and 99292 x2
135 - 164 minutes	99291 x1 and 99292 x3
165 - 194 minutes	99291 x1 and 99292 x4
195 - 224 minutes	99291 x1 and 99292 x5
225 - 254 minutes	99291 x1 and 99292 x6
255 - 284 minutes	99291 x1 and 99292 x7
285 - 314 minutes	99291 x1 and 99292 x8
315 minutes or longer	99291 x1 and 99292 x9+

Important notes:

- **CPT code 99291:** used for the first 30-74 minutes of critical care, on a given calendar date
- **CPT code 99292:** used for each additional 30 minutes of critical care beyond the initial 74 minutes
- Non-continuous time spent on critical care services within one calendar date can be aggregated.