

Psychotropic Pharmacologic Management

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1.0 CPT¹ PROCEDURE CODE

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2.0 DESCRIPTION

Pharmacologic management, including prescription use, and review of medication with no more than minimal medical psychotherapy.

3.0 POLICY

3.1 Psychotropic pharmacologic management is covered when provided as an independent procedure. If the provider is also providing psychotherapy, services provided in connection with psychotropic pharmacologic management are included in the allowable charge for the psychotherapy. A separate charge for psychology pharmacologic management is not payable.

Note: Office visits for psychotropic pharmacologic management are routine medical services and do not count against the two visits per week or the initial 8 visits for psychotherapy.

3.2 Charges for psychotropic pharmacologic management may be cost-shared when services are rendered by authorized mental health providers, to include certified psychiatric nurse specialists (CPNS), practicing within the scope of their licensure. Services may be provided in either an inpatient or outpatient setting.

3.3 The allowable charge for psychotropic pharmacologic management shall be based on the CHAMPUS Maximum Allowable Charge (CMAC) methodology.

4.0 EFFECTIVE DATE

November 13, 1984.

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