

CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 2
SECTION: 18.4
TITLE: PSYCHOTROPIC PHARMACOLOGIC MANAGEMENT

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RELATED AUTHORITY: 32 CFR 199.4(c)(3)(ix)

I. EFFECTIVE DATE

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II. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

- A. CPT code: 90862
- B. HCPCS Level II Code: M0064

III. DESCRIPTION

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

IV. POLICY

A. 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 and a separate charge for psychotropic pharmacologic management is not payable.

Note: Office visits for psychotropic management are routine medical services and do not count against the 2 visits per week for psychotherapy.

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

V. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

A. Pharmacological management copayments for services rendered by individual professional providers are indicated in [Chapter 3, Section 2.1](#), *Cost Share*.

B. The allowable charge for psychotropic pharmacological management is based on the CHAMPVA Maximum Allowable Charge methodology.

END OF POLICY