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## ***Medication Management Coding Reminder***

As physicians, you have two options when coding for a medication management visit: CPT Code 90862 and CPT Code M0064. The major factor in determining which code to use is whether or not medical psychotherapy occurs as part of the visit. The following definitions are adapted from the American Medical Association CPT Manual:

### **90862- Pharmacologic Management**

Including prescriptions, use, and review of medication ***with no more than minimal medical psychotherapy in a face to face setting that is documented in the client medical record.*** The patient must be receiving one of the following types of medication: anti-anxiety, anti-depressants, anti-psychotics, neuroleptics, mood stabilizers, or stimulants. This encounter typically lasts for 15 to 20 minutes with the patient, but in some cases could go longer.

### **M0064- Pharmacologic Management**

Brief office visit for the sole purpose of monitoring or changing drug prescription used in the treatment of mental psychoneurotic and personality disorders that is documented in the client medical record. This code should be used for lesser level drug monitoring such as simple dosage adjustments. This encounter typically lasts for less than 10 minutes with the patient, but in some cases could go longer.

Please use whichever code, in your professional judgment, is appropriate. If Code 90862 is chosen, the note **must** include evidence that psychotherapy occurred or it will be non-billable.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the number below.

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