

# Provider Education

## Adherence to Antipsychotic Medications for Individuals with Schizophrenia (SAA)

### Did you know?

Adherence to Antipsychotic Medications for Individuals with Schizophrenia (SAA) assesses adults 18 years of age and older who have been diagnosed with schizophrenia or a schizoaffective disorder, and were dispensed and remained on an antipsychotic medication for at least 80 percent of their treatment period.\* Schizophrenia is a chronic psychiatric disorder that requires ongoing treatment and monitoring. Medication nonadherence is common and a major concern in the treatment of schizophrenia. Using antipsychotic medications as prescribed reduces the risk of relapse or hospitalization.

### What can I do?

Patients may stop taking their mental health medications because they feel better and think they no longer need treatment, their family may be pressuring them to stop, or they are afraid the medication is affecting their personality. It is important to perform medication reconciliation at every appointment so you can address your patients' barriers and improve medication adherence and health outcomes.

### SAA Codes

Description	ICD-10 <sup>◆</sup>	Description	HCPCS <sup>◆</sup>
Schizophrenia	F20.0-F20.3, F20.5, F20.81, F20.89, F20.9, F25.0, F25.1, F25.8, F25.9	Long-Acting Injections 14-Day Supply	J2794
		Long-Acting Injections 28-Day Supply	J0401, J1631, J2358, J2426, J2680

◆ Codes listed are specific to the subject matter of this flyer. While Meridian encourages you to use these codes in association with the subject matter of this flyer, Meridian recognizes that the circumstances around the services provided may not always directly support/match the codes. It is crucial that the medical record documentation describes the services rendered in order to support the medical necessity and use of these codes.

\* Source: [www.NCQA.org](http://www.NCQA.org)

### Prescription Nonadherence Reasons



Don't understand need for medication



Can't afford medication



Forget to take medication



Personal beliefs against taking medication



Don't understand how to take medication



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