**Purpose:** To assist in appropriate selection of medication compliance aids, based on identified patient skills and/or deficits.

Candidates for **independent medication management with compliance aids (M0780 response “0”)** should be able to physically access medications (in their specific environment), sequence a two to three step process, and physically take (i.e., swallow) the medication.

Candidates for **assisted medication management with compliance aids (M0780 response “1”)** should be able to participate in taking (i.e., swallowing) oral medications with assistance, cueing, or compliance aid set up.

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<th>Compliance aid/feature:</th>
<th>Skills patient must have to use aid effectively:</th>
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| Medication list (text only) | • Adequate vision  
• Able to read  
• Able to recognize and monitor time  
• Able to match written word to time, drug, and task. |
| Medication schedule (illustrated drug + time) | • Adequate vision  
• Able to read OR  
• Able to match word, picture, or pill to actual drug  
• Able to match written word or picture to # of pills and time of day and task  
• Able to monitor time. |
| Pill box | • Adequate vision and fine motor skills  
• Able to read OR  
• Able to match word or picture on box to day of week, time of day, etc.  
• Able to monitor time of day. |
| Compliance packaging: (i.e., blister packs) | • Adequate vision and fine motor skills  
• Able to read OR  
• Able to match word or picture on pack to # of pills and time of day  
• Able to monitor time. |
| Medication alarm | • Adequate hearing to recognize auditory alarm OR  
• Adequate vision and access to recognize visual cue  
• Able to match alarm to drug and task  
• Able to access and take drugs once reminded. |
| Recorded message | • May require patient to initiate message playback  
• Adequate hearing to detect auditory message  
• Able to match spoken word to object/task  
• Message length/complexity must be within patient’s processing capacity (< 5 words, > 5 words, 2-step command, etc.)  
• Able to access and take drug once reminded. |
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| Telephone reminder | • Adequate phone access & use (auditory or adapted means)  
• Able to match instruction to drug and task  
• Message length/complexity must be within patient’s processing capacity  
• Able to access and take drug once reminded. |
| Automated dispensing | • Adequate hearing to recognize auditory alarm OR  
• Adequate vision and access to recognize visual cue  
• Able to match alarm to task  
• Able to access and take drugs once reminded. |

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