

Major Depressive Disorder

Failures on OIG Audits

- Non-specific documentation, i.e., omission of “major,” or severity of the condition
 - No HCC for Medicare Advantage, RxHCC only
 - F32.A – Depression, unspecified
 - F32.9 – Major depressive disorder, single episode, unspecified
- No treatment or other support
 - Medication for depression
 - Referral for therapy
 - Discussion with patient

Major Depressive Disorder, Single Episode, with Status (F32.0-F32.5)

- HCC for Medicare Advantage, plus RxHCC

Major Depressive Disorder, Recurrent, with Status (F33.0-F33.9)

- HCC for Medicare Advantage, plus RxHCC

Bipolar Disorder and Recurrent Major Depressive Disorder

- Code for bipolar disorder, which includes depression and mania, when both are documented. Do not report depression separately. (AHA Coding Clinic®, 2020, Issue 1)

Examples

- **Addressed with patient:** Moderate episode of recurrent major depressive disorder. Depression has gotten worse since husband passed away. On Lamictal for bipolar depression. Code F31.-, Bipolar Disorder.
- **Assessment:** Depression, will start on Celexa, 10mg daily. Code F32.A, depression, unspecified.
- **Impression:** Recurrent major depressive disorder, moderate. Will increase the dose of Zoloft to 100mg daily. Code F33.1, major depressive disorder, recurrent, moderate.
- **Diagnosis:** Major depressive disorder, single episode, mild. Gave treatment options and he chose therapy. Referral given. Code F32.0, major depressive disorder, single episode, mild.

References:

ICD-10-CM: www.cms.gov/files/document/fy-2023-icd-10-cm-coding-guidelines-updated-01/11/2023.pdf

AHA Coding Clinic®, 2020, Issue 1

Note: ICD-10-CM codes are current as of July 2023. For service dates on or after Oct. 1, 2023, the reader should reference their ICD-10-CM resource for the most accurate code.