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CODING AND BILLING MAJOR DEPRESSIVE DISORDER (MDD)

For all risk adjustment models it is imperative that the provider evaluates and documents all chronic conditions to the highest level of specificity on an annual basis.

However, it is equally important that the providers documentation is coded and billed properly. It is the coding and billing process that reports the condition to CMS which makes it extremely important to code and bill to the highest specificity possible from the provider documentation.

This will ensure the highest level of care for all patients.

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TIPS FOR CODING TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SPECIFICTY:

✳ Did the provider document the **epiode** of the depression, **single or recurrent?**

✳ Did the provider document the **severity** of the depression, **mild, moderate, severe, in remission?**

CODING MAJOR DEPRESSIVE DISORDER TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SPECIFICITY	
F32.0	Major depressive disorder, **single** episode, **mild**
F32.1	Major depressive disorder, **single** episode, **moderate**
F32.2	Major depressive disorder, **single** episode, **severe without psychotic features**
F32.3	Major depressive disorder, **single** episode, **severe with psychotic features**
F32.4	Major depressive disorder, **single** episode, **in partial remission**
F32.5	Major depressive disorder, **single** episode, **in full remission**
F32.9	Major depressive disorder, **single** episode, **unspecified**
F32.A	**Depression, unspecified *new code in 2022 for depression not documented as "major" depression**
F33.0	Major depressive disorder, **recurrent, mild**
F33.1	Major depressive disorder, **recurrent, moderate**
F33.2	Major depressive disorder, **recurrent, severe without psychotic features**
F33.3	Major depressive disorder, **recurrent, severe with psychotic features**
F33.40	Major depressive disorder, **recurrent, in remission, unspecified**
F33.41	Major depressive disorder, **recurrent, in partial remission**
F33.42	Major depressive disorder, **recurrent, in full remission**
F33.9	Major depressive disorder, **recurrent, unspecified**
*There is a "Excludes 1" under major depressive disorder excluding bipolar disorder (F31.-). When both conditions are present only bipolar disorder should be coded and should include the bipolar combination diagnosis code that indicates the current status of the major depressive disorder per the provider documentation.	
CODING MAJOR DEPRESSIVE DISORDER IN THE PRESENCE OF BIPOLAR DISORDER	
F31.30	Bipolar disorder, current episode **depressed, mild or moderate severity, unspecified**
F31.31	Bipolar disorder, current episode **depressed, mild**
F31.32	Bipolar disorder, current episode **depressed, moderate**
F31.4	Bipolar disorder, current episode **depressed, severe without psychotic features**
F31.5	Bipolar disorder, current episode **depressed, severe with psychotic features**
F31.75	Bipolar disorder, in **partial remission**, most recent episode, **depressed**
F31.76	Bipolar disorder, in **full remission**, most recent episode, **depressed**