

PATIENT POPULATION: Patients 18 years of age and older who were treated with antidepressant medication, had a diagnosis of major depression and who remained on an antidepressant medication treatment.

NUMERATOR COMPLIANCE: Patients 18 years of age and older as of April 30 of the measurement year and May 1 of the year prior to the measurement year, who were treated at least 84 days (12 weeks) with antidepressant medication, beginning on the IPSD through 114 days after the IPSD (115 total days). Who had a diagnosis of major depression and who remained on an antidepressant medication treatment.

EXCLUSIONS:

- » Hospice Care
- » Members who did not have an encounter with a diagnosis of major depression during the 121-day period from 60 days prior to the IPSD, through the IPSD and the 60 days after the IPSD.
- » Members who were dispensed a prescription for an antidepressant medication 105 days prior to the IPSD.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

- » A note in the medical record confirming of any Major Depression dx.
- » Documentation in the medical records of the earliest prescription dispensing dates (Index Prescription Start Date, ISDP) for an antidepressant medication between April 30th of the measurement year and May 1st of the year prior.

COMMON DOCUMENTATION INSUFFICIENCIES

- » Failing to document any Dx of Major Depression.
- » Failing to Document index prescription start date for antidepressant.

BEST PRACTICES

- 1 Educate patients and caregivers on the importance of continuing medication and scheduling follow-up visits, even if they feel better.
- 2 Stress that they should not stop medication abruptly or without consulting their medical provider for assistance.
- 3 Effective care may require collaboration between primary care provider, psychiatrist, and psychologist.
- 4 Our care coordination team can provide patients with individualized support. To refer a patient please contact us:
602-406-7226 or 855-218-3451
CareCoordination@azcarenetwork.org

RELEVANT CODES

Relevant codes that a primary care provider is the direct biller are listed below.

CODE	DESCRIPTION
F32.0 - F32.4	Major depressive disorder, single episode, mild
	Major depressive disorder, single episode, in partial remission
F32.9	Major depressive disorder, single episode, unspecified
F33.0 - F33.3	Major depressive disorder, recurrent, mild
	Major depressive disorder, recurrent, severe with psychotic symptoms
F33.41	Major depressive disorder, recurrent, in partial remission
F33.9	Major depressive disorder, recurrent, unspecified

