



# Western Australian Coding Rule

## 0713/09 Major depressive episode

### Q.

There has been an index update in 8th edition for major depressive episode. This invalidates a previous CCWA decision from August 2010.

### A.

The CCWA decision in August 2010 was to code major depressive episode to F32.9- Depressive episode unspecified by following the index pathway:

Episode

- depressive F32.9- (see also Disorder, depressive)

Disorder

- depressive (major) (single episode) F32.9- (see also Depression).

The 8th edition index has been updated so the following pathway should be followed:

Episode

- depressive F32.9- (see also Disorder/depressive)

Disorder

- depressive (single episode) (see also Depression) F32.9

-- major – see Disorder/depressive/severe

-- severe (without psychotic symptoms) F32.2-

### DECISION

**Assign F32.2- Severe depressive episode without psychotic symptoms for major depressive episode.**

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## 0810/01 Major depressive episode

### Q.

Episode

- depressive F32.9- (*see also Disorder, depressive*)

Disorder

- depressive (major) (single episode) F32.9- (*see also Depression*)

Depression

- major F32.2-

Major depression, single episode, is specifically included in the tabular list at F32.2- however the coder would need to follow two see also notes to get to this code.

What is the correct code assignment for major depressive episode?

### A.

The committee decided to consult a clinician on this issue. After the meeting the query was taken to a Psychiatrist who clarified that major depressive episode is not the same as major depression. The disease index is correct i.e. coder should follow pathway:

Episode

- depressive F32.9- (*see also Disorder, depressive*)

Disorder

- depressive (major) (single episode) F32.9- (*see also Depression*)

and assign F32.9-

### DECISION

**Assign F32.9- Depressive episode unspecified for major depressive episode.**

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