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

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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.