

MDS Alert

MDS Coding: Undercoding Depression Can Cause Fiscal Blues

Compare the clinically complex RUGs for residents with and without depression (based on FY 2005 Medicare SNF payment rates):

CC2 = \$230.53	CA2 = \$191.88
CC1 = \$213.21	CA1 = \$181.22
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\$17.32/day	\$10.66/day

Source: Presentation by **Rena Shephard, MHA, RN, RAC-C**, at the March 2005 **American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordinators** conference in Chicago.