Member Groups Requesting Changes:
None

Member Groups that Reviewed the Guideline, No Changes Requested:
Fairview Health Services
Mayo Clinic

Member Groups that Responded but the Guideline Does Not Pertain to Practice:
None

Sponsoring Health Plans Requesting Changes:
HealthPartners Health Plan

Sponsoring Health Plans that Reviewed the Guideline, No Changes Requested:
None

GENERAL COMMENTS:
None

MEDICAL CONTENT:
Responses from HealthPartners Health Plan:

Annotation 8, Page 46 “Selection of an antidepressant medication”
Mayo has a SMD aid at: http://shareddecisions.mayoclinic.org/decision-aid-inform

Additional tools for SDM – i.e. conversation starters, etc. AHRQ SDM tools:
Thank you for your suggestion. ICSI has its own Shared-Decision Making that is referenced throughout the guideline and we prefer to list that tool as a resource for the clinics to use.

Annotation 8, page 48 “Is Medication Needed?” – suggest moving that to page 41 under “Patient Engagement”

Thank you for your response. This section has been changed.

SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION:

Response from HealthPartners Health Plan:

The ICSI Depression guideline would be improved if both the text, as well as the decision tree, were updated to put more emphasis on "shared decision-making" for those persons with a PHQ-9 that indicates mild or moderate depression.

There are 3 interventions (which are an alternative to medication) that are evidence-based for mild to moderate depression:
1. Exercise
2. Psychotherapy using CBT techniques
3. Social activation

Too many patients with a positive future nine for mild to moderate depression are offered a medication as the main or the only option. This leads to excessive medication non-adherence and to poor patient outcomes.

"Shared decision-making" regarding depression treatment options for all patients with mild to moderate depression is an evidence-based best practice.

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Thank you for suggestions. This section has greatly been reconfigured to list all treatment options. Shared-Decision Making tool is referenced throughout the Treatment section. Please see the newly revised version of the guideline.

AIMS AND MEASURES:

No comments regarding Aims and Measures were received from the member groups or sponsoring health plans.