ACP does not support this measure because the threshold of reaching a specific PHQ-9 score (<5) is arbitrary and does not take into account the individual starting points for each patient. For example, a reduction from 6 to 5 can be considered as less progress than a reduction from a 9 to 6; however, this measure would reward the former and penalize the latter. ACP would be amenable to using this measure as a tracking mechanism, but opposes any linkage to performance and payment.

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