This measure addresses patients with a prior diagnosis of OSA. Current evidence does not support the benefit of assessment of symptoms at every patient visit. In addition, there is no evidence describing an appropriate time interval for assessment of symptoms. The goal of assessment of the symptoms of OSA is to determine whether to refer patients for a sleep study or sleep consult. The PMC is not aware of a gap in the assessment of sleep symptoms, but the issue is a gap in care for the assessment of sleep symptoms before referral to a sleep study or sleep consult. The PMC suggests the need to develop an overuse measure to ensure the assessment of symptoms is performed before the initiation of a sleep study. The measure is not feasible for use in the general population as it is currently written because it is administratively burdensome to collect data on every patient with OSA at every physician visit. For example, it is unclear how the measure would be applied to a primary care physician who is caring for patients with OSA, but often sees these patients for other health issues where it is not necessary to assess OSA.

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