The ACP guideline states that compliance with therapies, especially CPAP, is an important issue related to the effective treatment of OSA. Clinicians should keep patient preferences and adherence, specific reasons for noncompliance, and costs in mind before initiating CPAP treatment. The performance measure encourages physicians to obtain objective measurements of CPAP compliance to promote shared decision making and encourage patient-centered care.

However, this measure could be subject to gaming. The exclusion criterion “patient did not bring card” is not appropriate. For example, if 95% of patients forget the card, the physician could achieve the perfect score (100%) on the measure if the other 5% of patients bring their card. The measure as currently written will not improve the quality of care. In addition, this measure is not under the provider’s control and may not be useful for primary care physicians. The more interesting question would be whether the physician makes an effort to improve compliance or offer second line therapies for OSA given low patient compliance.

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