Reviewer’s report

Title: Supplier-induced demand for psychiatric admissions in Northern New England

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Overall Comments
The authors appear to have made a genuine effort to contextualize their study, with respect to the broader drivers of psychiatric admissions and the more recent literature on supplier induced demand.

Major Compulsory Revisions
None

Minor Essential Revisions
None

Discretionary Revisions
The authors did not respond to this previous suggestion, and they might like to re-consider it:

"5. Possible additions to Table 2. The authors might also like to consider adding a couple of extra columns to Table 2 – the total number of psychiatric beds for each PHSA, and the corresponding bed availability rate per 100,000."

Minor Issues Not for Publication

End of second paragraph in Background: Did the authors mean "compressive" or "comprehensive"?

Last paragraph in Background: Change "positive" to "positively" correlated …; and insert "health" into "mental care".

First sentence of Results: "22,502" is reported in the text and "22,503" in Table 1.

Second last sentence before Conclusions: Did the authors mean "met" or "meet" patient preferences?

Last paragraph in Conclusions: Insert "of" into "examination longitudinal"; and delete "by" in "through by which".

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests
Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests'.