Reviewer's report

Title: Design of price incentives for adjunct policy goals in formula funding for hospitals and health services

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The author has revised the paper to my satisfaction. I suggest only a couple of minor changes

Minor Essential Revisions

p9 change "However, use of a threshold approach means that those with the worst performance will gain the smallest reward" to something along the lines of "However, because improvements in performance below the threshold are unrewarded, the worst performers who are least likely to meet the threshold may make no effort to improve at all."

p15 should read "an organisation meets the adjunct incentive criterion"

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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'