Reviewer's report

Title: Health insurance and the 'inverse care law' in Russia

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Discretionary Revisions:
One page 3, and in the title, the authors refer to the "inverse care law." Although well known, this term still should be defined/explained in the article.

No other revisions suggested. This is an excellent article, a logical and important follow-on to the authors' earlier work on this subject, and an important use of an underused data set. The study's design and methods are quite sound, and the discussion of limitations and implications is rich and interesting.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.