Reviewer’s report

Title: A quasi-experimental test of an intervention to increase the use of thiazide-based treatment regimens for people with hypertension

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Reviewer: Andrea M Wessell

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General
I appreciate the authors’ attention to reviewer feedback and acknowledge the extensive effort involved in the revision, including additional statistical assessment. Overall, the concerns of this reviewer were appropriately addressed.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
- Based on the added description of the PrimeCare QI initiative, I would ask the authors to comment on the fact that this is not a true placebo group and address the effectiveness of their intervention (increasing thiazide use 9%) compared to PrimeCare (5% absolute increase).

Paragraph 3 of discussion and conclusion - introductory sentence seems to contradict conclusions of the ALLHAT trial and impetus for the authors’ work. Consider rewording.

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.