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Editorial comments:
1. Study published after review date was not added to the review for the reasons stated below.

Reviewer: Gary Cooney

Revisions:
• Regarding the use of the term, “serious mental illness,” all instances of the use of this term were deleted and replaced with, “major psychotic and/or affective disorders.”

Reviewer: Rohan Ganguli

Revisions:
• Regarding the suggested addition of the Daumit et al. NEJM study: This study is rigorous and related to this topic area, but it was published after the review was complete and the authors do not wish to add studies ad hoc to this review. BMC’s editor and the authors agree that adding a study would require rerunning the review. Importantly, the Daumit et al. study did not take place in the primary care setting and so it does not meet our inclusion criteria. Further, we argued in our conclusion that future research conducted in the primary care setting is needed. As the Daumit study is set in an outpatient mental health program it does not support this argument, so its incusion in our discussion is not warranted.