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Conference Abstract

## Economic incentives for integration

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## Abstract

### Objectives:

- develop a typology of integrated payment methods
- review the evidence of these methods in the USA and Europe
- evaluate their strengths and weaknesses, suggest the best method to promote integration.

### Methods:

- review of the literature
- formal evaluation against a set of criteria

### Results:

- 1) Typology of integrated payment methods is suggested:
  - Pay-for performance in two versions
  - Episode-based bundled payment for inpatient and outpatient care in three versions
  - Global budgeting networks of providers
  - Global budgeting primary care providers that act as fundholders
- 2) The fragmented evidence of the various integrated payment methods indicates their positive impact on quality of care and more efficient use of resources. However, the use of integrated methods does not go beyond local experiments. Economic incentives for integration are still limited.
- 3) The evaluation against criteria of quality of care, overcoming overutilization of services and operational feasibility indicates that global budgeting is the best method to encourage integration of providers. The major weakness of episode-based bundled payment is that it is disease-specific, therefore can encourage integration only in a narrow area. While global budgeting encourages more comprehensive approaches to integration.

## Keywords

**bundled payment, integrated payment budgets, Russia, economic evaluation**

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