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Institutional integration in France: Health Regional Agencies and integrated services delivery

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Abstract

Introduction: The PRISMA France pilot project is ongoing since 2006. This project aims to implement an integrated services delivery (ISD) for elderly people, based on the PRISMA methodology. The experimentation is coupled with an implementation study to identify factors that facilitate and hinder the implementation. The fragmentation of public authorities represents one of the first barriers identified.

In 2009, a large-scale institutional reform has been initiated. It consists of merging various structures having strategic authorities on medical and social care within a single entity: the Health Regional Agencies (HRA). One could anticipate that this reform should facilitate the implementation of ISD.

Aims: To analyze the influence of institutional reforms on a pilot program aiming to implement an ISD. In the framework of our qualitative study we analyze the way the actors conceive the HRA.

Conclusions: The potential to facilitate ISD of the HRA has been identified. It is hope that they should reduce the institutional fragmentation. Nonetheless, the link between these agencies and the implementation of ISD in the pilot project was rarely made.

The extent of institutional change is bought into question by the past of the French system of social welfare.

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