

## Investigation of the diffusion process and possible diffusion barriers in the dissemination of the regional psychiatry budget

### Summary:

The development of innovative forms of healthcare provision in Germany lags far behind the expectations of the legislator of the actors and the requirements of health care. A major hurdle in Germany is the variety of financing providers and an institutional focus of the care system instead of patient centricity. The Regional Psychiatry Budget (RPB) is one of many innovative care models in the health care system in Germany and includes the funding of mental health care in a defined care region. The pioneer of the regional psychiatric budget was the district of Steinburg, Schleswig-Holstein. Within the following years, other counties implemented RPBs. Despite the positive experiences so far, the model of RPB is not visible in psychiatric care in Germany. After 15 years of testing, less than 5% of the care regions have followed this model.

The aim of the study is to investigate the diffusion pattern and the diffusion barriers in the distribution of the regional psychiatric budget. For this purpose, established methods of diffusion research are used. This includes, above all, Roger's model for the diffusion of innovations. The research approach methodically includes a document analysis, surveys of users and non-users, supplemented by expert discussions.

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