

Monitoring Integrated Care

Summary:

Since 2004 political efforts strengthened new forms of care, especially integrated care, in Germany to meet societal challenges. Integrated care aims at quality improvement and/or cost reduction and shows a broad diversity of forms.

Continuing former investigations (Monitoring Integrated Care I to III 2010, 2012 and 2014), we aim to investigate past developments, current status, as well as future perspectives of integrated care in Germany.

This project will produce important insights about the effects of integrated care as a promising, but not yet widespread form of organizing health care, on quality and cost of service delivery. The project will once more monitor integrated care. The aim is to identify common organizing principles of health care regarding these illnesses on the societal level. Another important aim on this level is to capture the likely role and effect of the 1.2 Bn € 'Innovationsfonds', and is assumed to be the driver for the spread of integrated care in Germany. To this end, we will inquire the intentions of different actors related to the 'Innovationsfonds'.

Our investigation will make use of a longitudinal, mixed-methods design and will primarily address statutory health insurances as important actors in the implementation of integrated care, thereby also building on previously collected data.

In the longer run, results of this study as well as experiences gained in this interdisciplinary research project will help us to apply successfully for a DFG-funded research centre on the transformation of the German health care system, which will continue this monitoring effort.

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