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## **Acute and Long Term Care for the Elderly in France: Financial Barriers to an Integrated System of Care**

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In France, funding of long term-care for the so called dependent elderly has become a major issue on the agenda of medico-social policy since 1985. This issue is related to structural factors embodied in the French welfare system responsible for a lack or insufficiency of coverage, especially with respect to personal care and social services. The fragmentation at the level of service delivery, presented by two cases of care trajectories, leads to a lack of adequate financing and service co-ordination at the client's level, in particular with regard to domiciliary and residential long term care. The creation of a dependency-specific allowance for the poor elderly is a recently provided solution for the lack of funding.

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