Addressing Territorial Inequalities in Access to Quality Healthcare

An event of the project Understanding present and future service delivery costs

📅 30 April 2020 🌙 15:00 – 16:30 📍 Zoom meeting

WHAT’S THE ISSUE?

The level of access to quality healthcare varies across territories to different degrees across countries. These territorial inequalities are not simply the result of geographical factors impeding the physical access to healthcare facilities, but also the result of spending decisions made by governments. The governance of healthcare spending can translate into health outcomes gaps across regions, contributing to overall regional inequality.

The novel coronavirus pandemic has further brought to light the consequences of territorial inequalities in healthcare provision. Regions where spending in healthcare is aligned with local needs and where coordination between national and subnational governments is stronger will be in a better position to address the crisis. But how do territorial inequalities in healthcare access appear in the first place? What can policies do to address them?

WHY ATTEND THE WEMINAR?

The webinar will provide the opportunity to discuss recent OECD work on healthcare decentralisation in connection to the novel coronavirus pandemic, and to learn from political science work on the drivers of territorial inequalities in health provision. After a presentation by the secretariat of recent notes produced in the context of the covid-19 crisis, the discussion will centre around the trajectories of territorial healthcare inequality across time in Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico and the drivers of inequality.

15:00 – 15:15 Healthcare decentralisation and the impact of Covid-19 - Antti Moisio (CFE), followed by a commentary by Sean Daughtery (GOV)

15:15 - 15:30 Territorial Inequality in Health Service Delivery: Lessons from Latin America’s Federations - Agustina Giraudy (Associate Professor, American University) and Jennifer Pribble (Associate Professor, University of Richmond)

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