

## Norwegian EPOC satellite high priority topics for low- and middle-income countries [Version of 25/06/2019]

DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS		
Topic	Definition	Comments
<b>COORDINATION OF CARE</b>		
Integration of primary health services – qualitative evidence	<i>Management or organisational changes applied to existing systems to increase integration at the service delivery level in primary health</i>	An EPOC qualitative evidence synthesis (QES) on this topic is currently underway. This QES will inform the update of the EPOC effectiveness review, available <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>WHERE CARE IS PROVIDED</b>		
Transportation services	<i>Arrangements for transporting patients from one site to another</i>	No current review
Procurement and distribution of supplies	<i>Systems (including structures or organisational arrangements) for procuring and distributing medicines or other supplies</i>	No current review
<b>QUALITY AND SAFETY SYSTEMS</b>		
Quality monitoring and improvement systems	<i>Systems for monitoring and improving the quality of health care</i>	No current review
Safety monitoring and improvement systems	<i>Systems for monitoring and improving the safety of health care</i>	No current review
FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS		
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<b>COLLECTION OF FUNDS</b>		

User fees	<i>Charges levied at the point of use for any aspect of health services, and may include: registration fees, consultation fees, fees for drugs and medical supplies or charges for any health service rendered</i>	An EPOC review on this topic is available <a href="#">here</a> , and is in need of updating
<b>INSURANCE SCHEMES</b>		
General tax revenues versus employer payments versus direct payments		No current review
Community-based health insurance in LMICs	<i>A scheme managed and operated by an organisation, other than a government or private for-profit company, that provides risk pooling to cover all or part of the costs of health services</i>	No current review
<b>FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR RECIPIENTS OF CARE</b>		
Voucher schemes	<i>Provision of vouchers that can be redeemed for health services at specified facilities</i>	No current review
Caps and co-payments for health services	<i>Direct patient payments for part of inpatient health services</i>	No current review
<b>FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR PROVIDERS OF CARE</b>		
Pay for performance – qualitative evidence	<i>Stakeholders' views on the impacts of pay-for-performance interventions and factors affecting the implementation of these interventions</i>	No current review. An EPOC effectiveness review on this topic is available <a href="#">here</a> , and is currently being updated.
Incentives for career choices	<i>Financial or material rewards for career choices; for example, choice of profession or primary care</i>	No current review
<b>GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS</b>		
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>AUTHORITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR HEALTH POLICIES</b>		
Policies that regulate restrictions on reimbursement of drugs	<i>Restrictions on reimbursement are defined as the sets of insurance policies that restrict</i>	An EPOC review on this topic is available <a href="#">here</a> , and is in need of updating <sup>1</sup>

	<i>reimbursement for selected drugs or drug classes, often using additional patient specific information related to health status or need</i>	
Policies that regulate what drugs are reimbursed	<i>Processes for deciding what drugs are reimbursed by health insurance - Included in this category are "positive lists" (formularies) that specify which drugs are eligible versus "negative lists" that specify which drugs are not eligible, system-wide policies requiring Drugs and Therapeutic Committees, rules for determining which drugs are included or excluded (e.g. based on economic analyses), and rules for reassessment after a specified period.</i>	No current review <sup>1</sup>
Policies that regulate what services are reimbursed	<i>Processes for deciding what services are reimbursed by health insurance</i>	No current review
<b>AUTHORITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ORGANISATIONS</b>		
Public versus private for-profit versus private not-for-profit ownership of health services	<i>Policies that regulate who can own health service organisations</i>	No current review
<b>AUTHORITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS</b>		
Drug patents and profits	<i>Policies that regulate patents or profits of drug manufacturers</i>	No current review <sup>1</sup>
Marketing of drugs to consumers	<i>Policies that regulate marketing by drug manufacturers, including direct-to-consumer advertising</i>	No current review <sup>1</sup>
Registration of drugs	<i>Procedures for registering or licensing drugs - Registration (licensing) is defined as mandatory approval by a government agency before a drug can be sold, offered for sale, distributed or possessed for the purposes of sales, distribution or other use. Included in this category are policies</i>	No current review <sup>1</sup>

	<i>regarding the registration of new drugs, deregistration, restrictions on registered drugs, essential drug lists and changes in classification (e.g. from prescription to over the counter).</i>	
<b>STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT</b>		
Community monitoring	<i>Monitoring of health services by individuals or community organisations</i>	No current review
Community mobilisation for safe motherhood	<i>Interventions in which local individuals, groups or organisations identify needs, plan, carry out and evaluate activities on a participatory and sustained basis, to build capacity for achieving safe motherhood</i>	No current review
<b>PATIENT INFORMATION</b>		
Drug information	<i>System-wide requirements for drug information or patient education regarding drug use</i>	No current review <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> One of a series of pharmaceutical policy reviews