



## Population Health and Health System Reform: Needs-Based Funding for Health Services in Five Provinces

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## Abstract

This essay explores the introduction of population-needs-based funding (PNBF) formulae for the provision of health care services in five provinces (Newfoundland and Labrador, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta) as part of a larger project examining a range of health reform decisions in those provinces. Based on semi-structured key-informant interviews with civil servants, stakeholder representatives and political actors the paper examines why and how some provinces chose to move ahead with PNBF formulae while others did not. For two of the provinces (Alberta and Saskatchewan) the

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