
CCHE Seminar Series

The Canada Health Transfer: Moving from a per-capita to a needs-based formula



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Summary: The great advantage of the current Canada Health Transfer (CHT) is its simplicity. However, an argument can be made that the policy purpose of the CHT should address the unavoidably higher costs of delivering health services due to age structure and geographic dispersion. While there may be other variables that affect provincial health system expenditures, this paper argues that any future revision of the formula should focus on these two key variables for a number of policy and data-related reasons.

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