

L'essenziale a tutti. I nuovi livelli di assistenza fra sostenibilità ed equità

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Essential Welfare for All. Setting Treatments for a Sustainable and Fair Health Care

Abstract: Livelli Essenziali di Assistenza (LEA) represent the basic levels of care which Italian National Service is required to supply in support of the citizen's health on the whole country. As a result, they provide the main instrument by which Italian welfare applies its guiding principles of universal coverage and equal access to health services. LEA have been first codified in 2001. On 16 June 2016 Ministry of Health provided an upgrade framework, at a time when financial hardship brings the sustainability of welfare to the urgent attention of the policy maker. In January 2017, the framework became law. In light of some significant contributions to the ethical and philosophical debate on the fair allocation of resources in health care, I try to evaluate if LEA could be considered a proper solution to promote the sustainability of welfare, as a compromise between its basic principles and the limits of available financial resources.

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