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The development of community-based old age care in China: Does community governance matter?

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Faced with the prospect of ascending demand of elder care and the shrinking role of family in contemporary China, how to create new elder care system supplement family care is crucial challenge. China has started the pilot practices in different locality during the past decade. In this paper we firstly review the policy initiatives regarding the community-based elderly care and then examine the performance of community old age care programs in the sub-national level. Both the providers (government, third sector organization and community) as well as the customers (the elderly and their family members) should reach consensus of sharing the responsibility of old age care. The boundaries and responsibilities of each actors within the elder care system as well as how they cooperate and interplay to delivery the elderly care service from the perspective of fiscal and

administrative and regulative mechanism also should be studied to reveal the conditions of successful policy innovation.

The study will firstly use the community governance data from China Household Finance Survey to measure the development of community-based old age care across China. Second, the study will test whether the community governance (in terms of financial capacity, social capital level, governance structure) impact the development of community old age care, in a way to investigate the configurations of conditions resulting in the better provision of old age care. In addition, more qualitative Data will be collected from government policy and regulation (national and subnational), policy process brief and reports from governmental archives and reports. On the one hand, this set of data could present the design and characteristic of community care models and make the comparison of community elder care possible. On the other hand, this study will find out the configuration of community conditions which result in better old age care performance. Finally, this study could conclude the challenges and possibilities of diffusing and expanding the community elder care in national level. In addition, this subnational community elder care comparison within China will also provide policy suggestions to successful policy innovation.