

Old age care in Italy – an additional challenge

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1. What happened in the last decade?

Public ltc 65+ provision in Italy, 2008

(Source: RGS, 2010)

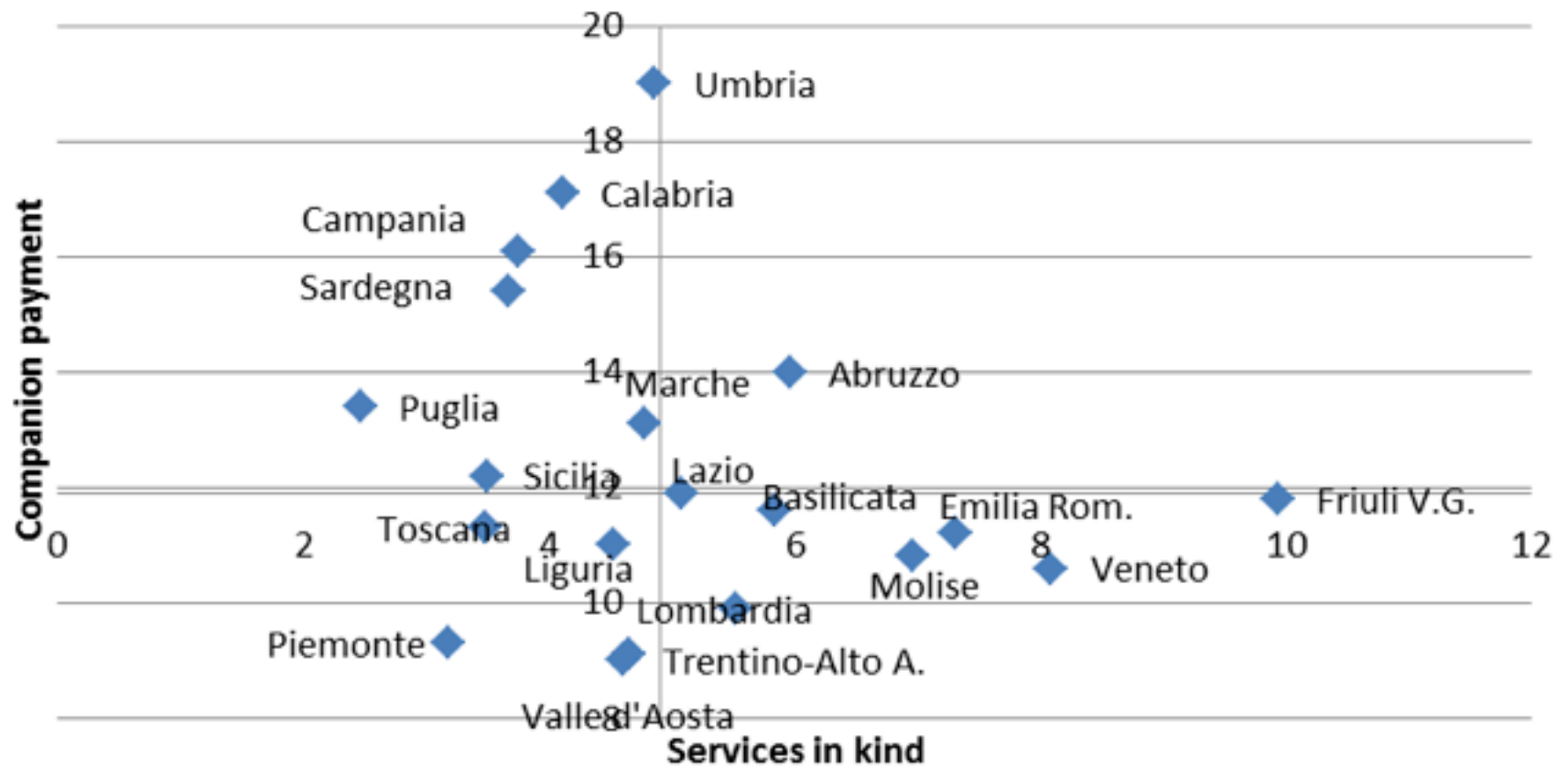
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Older people users of long-term care, % of people aged 65+

(Sources: official data available, summarised in NNA 2009,2010)

| | Early 90s | Early 2000s | Late 2000s |
|--|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Public care | | | |
| Residential care | 2,9 | 3 | 3 |
| Home care (in kind) | 2 | 3,8 | 5,1 |
| Companion payment | 5,0 | 5,5 | 9,5 |
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| Older people receiving privately paid care at home | NA | 7% | 9% |

% of people aged 65 over receiving companion payment and services in kind, by Region, Italy, 2008



2. The rise of the companion payment – Why did it happen?

% of people 65+ receiving companion payment, various years

(Source: Inps)

| Year | % of people 65+ receiving companion payment |
|-------------|--|
| 1991 | 5,0 |
| 2001 | 5,5 |
| 2005 | 7,7 |
| 2009 | 9,5 |

The rise of the companion payment: outline of the reasons

| DEMAND DRIVEN | SUPPLY DRIVEN |
|-----------------------|---|
| The needs' increase | The scarcity of services in kind |
| The demands' increase | The increasing number of migrant workers. |
| | The weaknesses of the policies against poverty and unemployment |
| | The lack a of national assessment tool |
| | The institutional incentives |

3. Can we afford Ltc?

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Ltc 65+, Public expenditure as % of GDP

(Source: Gori et alii, 2010)

| Current Expenditure (2008) | Expenditure needed to match needs (2020) |
|-------------------------------|---|
| 1,18 | 1,7 |

4. What is going to be the impact of the recent choices?

Ltc public expenditure, Italy 2006-2013

More expenditure devoted to companion payment

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Less expenditure devoted to services in kind

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▶ Overall growth of public expenditure

▶ The «family/informal» model is strengthened

5. What are the main future challenges?

Future challenges: keywords

- ▶ Politics
- ▶ Quality
- ▶ Cares
- ▶ Older people with highest needs

6. For further information

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