

Call for Papers:

PAY FOR PERFORMANCE: FORMULATION, IMPLEMENTATION AND POLICY SUCCESS

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SOCIEDADE E CULTURA (Society and Culture) is a peer-reviewed and free-of-charge open access journal of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the Federal University of Goiás, in Brazil. The journal is inviting papers for its special issue "**PAY FOR PERFORMANCE (P4P/PBF): FORMULATION, IMPLEMENTATION AND POLICY SUCCESS**" organized by Fabiana da Cunha Saddi (UFG), Stephen Peckham (University of Kent) and Pedro dos Santos Mundin (UFG). The publication is planned for Volume 21, Number 2, 2nd semester, 2018.

Papers will be accepted in English, Spanish and Portuguese in accordance with the journal's norms (available at: <https://www.revistas.ufg.br/fchf/about/submissions>). They should address the theme proposed by the organizers as follows:

The special issue will include papers presenting political, policy and health system related analyses and knowledge about the formulation, implementation and policy impact of P4P / PBF programmes in Brazil and in other middle and in low income countries (LMICs), employing diverse theories and methods.

Addressing the reality of different health systems and contexts in LMICs, the rational-based assumptions supporting the design of P4P / PBF programmes - adopted in distinct LMICs around the globe, with singular/similar and complex organizational contexts not always prone to change - have been theoretically questioned by more realistic political, organizational and motivational assumptions. Empirically, they have been challenged by alternative political logics and processes arising from comparatively distinctive implementation and (re)formulation processes, diverse unexpected effects/ evidence and a recognition of the need to consider adaptations and long-term (sustainable) impacts on health systems. Consequently, and though differently associated with either early or later policy development phases in each country or Region, Social Sciences, Public Policy and Health Policy and Health Systems Research have been – and are still being - brought to the study of P4P / PBF in diverse LMICs around the globe. These analyses have the potential to significantly enrich the debate and knowledge on how P4P/PBF programmes could more effectively change health system performance and strengthening, producing effective / real-world or long-term improvements. In Brazil, this broader political debate is in its initial steps, happening at the 3rd development stage of the programme/PMAQ.

The special issue will accept studies that consider the (re)formulation process from the point of view of themes/approaches such as policy diffusion / transfer, design/policy feasibility, capacity of learning and for response and mapping the actors and institutions involved in the policymaking

process. Implementation analyses that carry out original data collection with health managers and teams, using concepts or frameworks from the implementation literature (such as street level bureaucracy and stakeholder engagement), or establishing connections with the literature on organizational change or behaviour, or even taking into account possibilities of gaming and cheating and symbolic uses in the course of implementation are welcome. Papers could also highlight how such policy processes or different successful policy mechanisms / drivers have affected the performance or strengthening of health systems, influencing, for instance, the leadership and workforce or selected outcomes. Theoretical and comparative studies, mixed methods approaches and systematic reviews are most welcome. We expect articles to take into account the diverse institutional contexts, as well as the challenges and paradoxes that arise in the course of the processes and that influence success. The theme is not limited to such trends and other politically significant forms of analysis will also be considered.

Submissions for this special issue should be sent **only to the specific e-mail of this call specialissue.p4plmic@gmail.com. Please note that submissions to the dossier will not be accepted through the journal's website.**

Submission Deadline: 15 April 2018.

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