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THE 3rd CYCLE OF THE BRAZILIAN NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR IMPROVING ACCESS AND QUALITY OF PRIMARY CARE (PMAQ-AB)

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The Brazilian National Programme for Improving Access and Quality of Primary Care (PMAQ-AB) was established by the Ministry of Health (MOH) in 2011. Its main objective is to encourage the expansion of access and improvement of primary care quality and create patterns comparable in national, regional and local levels - in order to allow greater transparency and effectiveness of government actions. As part of the program, an external evaluation is performed by the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), focusing on primary health care teams, oral health teams, and family health support teams. Two cycles have already taken place (2012 and 2014). In order to give continuity to these evaluative actions in Brazilian health primary care, the MOH is inducing the 3rd program cycle, which includes a multicenter external evaluation in 2016. With respect to methodology, this is an investigation (survey), with application of a single national survey and will take as a parameter what was applied in the previous PMAQ-AB cycles. The questionnaire will be organized into 03 major modules: infrastructure conditions; teams work process and care organization; users satisfaction and perception of services. We intend to present the methodology, as well as describe the advantages, disadvantages and challenges of such endeavour from the perspective of Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte (UFRN) -paired up with Fundação Oswaldo Cruz Ceara and other RENASF partners-, which is one of the HEIs working with the MOH, for the external evaluation of PMAQ-AB. A total of 3,856 teams will be evaluated by UFRN.

Biography

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