Argentina’s results-based financing program in health

“PLAN NACER”
“PROGRAMA SUMAR”

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Goal: improve maternal and child health

**Demand side: insurance**
Eliminate out-of-pocket payments for the poor

**Supply side: financing**
Provide incentives to clinics to provide better care
Financing Mechanism

National government

Capitation (enrollment)

Provincial governments

Health facilities

60%

40%

Pay for performance (tracers)

Provincial Health Insurance

Fee for service for priority services

Health facility decides on the use of funds

Umbrella Agreements

Third Party Audit

Performance Agreements

Third Party Audit
Impact: prenatal care and outcomes for beneficiaries

% of women who start prenatal care before week 20 of pregnancy

Control: 59%  
Beneficiaries: 75%

% low birth weight babies

Control: 7.3%  
Beneficiaries: 5.9%
What matters?

National government

- Overall goal setting
- Additional funding for innovative financing

Provincial governments

- Guidance on what to prioritize
- Accountable for results
- Autonomy of the provincial health insurance scheme

Health facilities

- Guidance on what to prioritize
- Autonomy of spending limited additional funding