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# Reform in Dutch Long Term Care

## The Positive Effect on Dementia Care

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# Creation of a sustainable long term care system

- no decrease of long term care
- increase quality of care
- increase quality of life for patients
- increase social involvement of all residents



## Development of long term care in the past

- disproportionate increase in costs of ltc
- growing number of elderly people
- decreasing number of working people
- dementia most expensive illness in ltc



## Dementia Care as a Model for LTC

- 2008: second national dementia programme
- aims:
  - to offer coordinated care for people with dementia in accordance with their needs and wishes
  - to improve guidance and support for people with dementia and their relatives
  - to measure the quality of this care annually



## Results

- 2011:
  - 86 (sub)regions offer coordinated care (95% of the Netherlands)
  - all regions offer case management
  - some regions have projects to involve the general public in dementia care
- 2013:
  - steady increase of quality of care and patient satisfaction
  - cost effective
  - Dementia Care Standard



## Reform in Long Term Care

- three main parts:
  1. more tasks for municipalities, focus on welfare and participation in society, public funding
  2. home nursing part of private health insurance
  3. care in nursing homes, public insurance
- effective from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015



## Expected Positive Effect on Dementia Care

- legal foundation for important parts of coordinated dementia care
- more attention to social involvement of all residents, with focus on a dementia friendly society
- less burden on informal carers
- more tailor-made care → more patient satisfaction and better quality of life



## Expected Reform Results

- sustainable ltc system
- increase in quality of care through:
  - more coordinated care
  - care organised closer to home
  - more involvement of informal carers/volunteers
  - tailor-made solutions
- increase in quality of life for all people dependent on ltc, especially those with dementia and their relatives





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