

Summary of primary care healthcare systems in INTRePID countries

Country	Type and level of funding	Payment model for primary care physicians	Cost for patients	Primary care as gatekeeper?
Argentina	Public	Hourly wage	Visits: No cost for visits Medications: Most chronic medications are covered by the Federal Mandatory Medical Program	No
	Health Insurance	Capitation or hourly wage	Visits and medications: copayments may apply depending on the health insurances	No
	Prepaid health coverage (Private)	Capitation or hourly wage	Visits and medications: Yes	No
Australia	Both Public and Private (10-20%)	Fee for service	Visits: Yes, co-payments for some visits Medications: \$6.60 Australian dollars per medicine-\$41.30 Australian dollars/month	Yes, for access to specialists
Brazil	Public	Hourly wage + Pay for Performance (at some cities)	No cost for visits Most medications are covered by the Federal Popular Pharmacy Program	Yes
	Health Insurance	Hourly wage or hourly wage + Fee for service	Visits and medications: Totally covered or co-payments may apply depending on the health insurances	Yes, in some health insurances
	Prepaid health coverage (Private)	Fee for service	Visits and medications: Yes	No
Canada	Public Universal Access Funded at Provincial Level	Primarily capitation	Visits-None Medications-Ontario provincial formulary only covers 65+, children without private insurance, those on social assistance and partial coverage for low-income residents	Yes, for access to specialists
China	Public and Private	Fee for service	Visits and medications: Social insurance with co-payment depending on one's status	No
Norway	Public Funded at a National Level	Capitation for 30% of PCP's income, the rest Fee for Service	Visits: Yes, co-payments up to an annual upper limit. No patient visit costs for visits related to suspected or confirmed COVID-19, or for children < 16 years old Medications: Yes, co-payments up to annual upper limit.	Yes, for access to specialists

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Peru	Public – Comprehensive Health Insurance (SIS)	Hourly wage	Visits: No cost to patients Medications: Basic medications are covered.	No
	Social Security Insurance” (EsSalud)	Hourly wage	Visits: No cost to patients Medications: No cost for medications	No
	Police and Armed Forced Insurance	Hourly wage	Visits: No cost to patients Medications: No cost for medications	No
	Prepaid health insurance (Private)	Capitation or hourly wage	Visits: Cost for visits Medications: Cost for medications	No
Singapore	Public and Private funded differently	Fee for Service	Visits: Yes, public polyclinic visits are charged based on residency status and age of patient SGD \$14 for adults (citizen) SGD \$6.90 for children and elderly (citizen). In private primary care clinics determined by the clinic. However, patients who are citizens can receive subsidies under the Community Health Assist Scheme for visits in private clinics. Medications: Yes, amount based on residency status and age in public clinics, in private clinics determined by the clinic.	Yes, for access to specialists in public hospitals No for access to specialists in private hospitals
Sweden	Public Funded at a National Level	Capitation 70% and Fee for Service 30%	Visits: Yes, patient pays approximately 1/5 of the fee with an annual maximum co-payment of ~ \$200 US dollars. Medications: Yes, co-payment with a maximum of ~ \$250 US dollars	Yes
United States	Private with Public for low income and Veterans	Fee for Service	Visits: No if covered by insurance Medications: co-payments typically required	No

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