

Elimination of the Danish Quality Model in hospitals

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On April 20, the Ministry of Health (MOH) and Danish Regions announced the abolition of the Danish Quality Model (DDKM) within hospitals. DDKM is based on the principle of accreditation, national standards and quality monitoring in the primary and secondary care sectors. The model was introduced in 2005, and the decision follows criticism of how much time clinicians spend on documenting care. While the alternative is yet to be described, the MOH envisions a less bureaucratic system with fewer targets and with emphasis on outcomes. The DDKM will still cover primary care (see Health Policy Update 15/10/2014). More information (in Danish): <http://sum.dk/Aktuelt/Nyheder/Sygehusvaesen/2015/April/Sundhedsministeren-og-regionerne-vil-have-mere-kvalitet-og-mindre-bureaukrati.aspx>