In 2016 the German health legislature introduced a new and innovative care models in order to increase a more competitive care market and to improve the quality and efficiency of care provision.

More than ten years after this invention the market share of these new models are still only 7% and the potential is enormous. The main potential for further growth is found in Germany, where the healthcare system has to adapt to the changing demographics and the increasing demand for quality and efficiency in healthcare.

The innovation fund for new care models is a public-private partnership between the German Health Ministry and the private sector. The fund provides funding for innovative care models that are based on evidence-based research and that demonstrate adequate qualification and previous experience.

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The Innovation committee makes recommendations on funding decisions. It is responsible for the award of funding grants, the monitoring of the funded projects, and the evaluation of the outcomes.

In case of a dispute, the Innovation committee is the final authority. Any deviations of the expert advisory board recommendations must be approved by the Innovation committee.

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