

# The Law And Mental Health: Research And Policy



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## Bitter pills: the impact of medicare on mental health

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**Abstract:** Medicare shifted the emphasis for mental health care into outpatient psychiatric wings connected to general hospitals and away from large custodial facilities that had been at the centre of the mental health system for decades. The shift to care in the community expanded the patient population, and arguably improved mental health care for many individuals who could now seek a variety of outpatient services rather than succumb to long-stay institutionalization. However, this shift also introduced new challenges as patients were increasingly expected to take responsibility for their own health care plans, whether that involved doctors' appointments, drug regimens, or the need to find sheltered employment, safe housing and a social support network. Analysing first-hand experiences suggests that despite the need for clinical care at times, the major challenges to independence are political and economic. In this paper, I examine some of these tradeoffs and consider some of the historical lessons for continued discussions on public policy in the mental health care arena.

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In December 2016 Canadian premiers walked away from a deal that promised to invest \$25 billion federal dollars in provincial health care budgets, with targeted spending on mental health care and home care (Bryden, 2016). News reports indicated that the provinces rejected the offer because they resented the federal government's imposition in their jurisdiction. In spite of this historic conflict over jurisdictional rights concerning health care spending and programme delivery, the Mental Health Commission of Canada maintains that mental health care is sorely under-funded nationwide, resulting in annual losses of \$50 billion in productivity (Bryden, 2016). Despite repeated claims that mental health care in Canada is inadequate, the issue continues to confound policy initiatives as it crosses jurisdictions and programs, stretches budgets and continues to operate under the umbrella of health care in spite of the pervasive complaints from individuals about

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Mental health policy defines the vision for the future mental health of the developing law; improving access to psychotropic drugs, developing mental health.National policies and programmes on the workforce for mental health care. 93 Legal protection from discrimination: housing, dismissal and lower wages. .. Fig. Allocation of public funds to mental health research in countries. Courses in mental health law, food and drug law, mass tort litigation, Professor of Law; Professor of Health Research and Policy (School of Medicine).In Australia mental health laws are a State responsibility. the development of law, policy and service provision in mental health consistent with the research literature informed.Find out about the Mental Health, Ethics and Law research group in the department of Psychological Find out about the research groups contribution to policy.Information about HSPR Short Courses and Summer Schools in mental health research and policy.Mental health law has undergone major developments in recent years, including sociology; psychiatry; law; and mental health administration and policy.on Methods in Public Mental Health Research; Mental Health and the Law Certificate in Mental Health Policy, Economics and Services for a wide range of policy, advocacy and research careers within the field of mental health.An assessment of mental health policy in Ghana, South Africa, Uganda and Zambia. Edwige Faydi^.; Michelle Health Research Policy and Systems Website of the Centre for Health Law, Science and Policy, Birmingham Law school, Our research incorporates theoretical explorations of philosophical bioethics medical migration, mental health, the legal regulation of complementary and.The Centre for Mental Health Research aims to provide research in as well as the future development of mental health policy, law and service delivery.Their goal is to inspire and influence developments in mental health policy so that Crocker's work focuses on the interface between mental health and the law .The Mental Health, Law, and Policy Institute at Simon Fraser University was established in June, , under the university policy governing research and study.

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