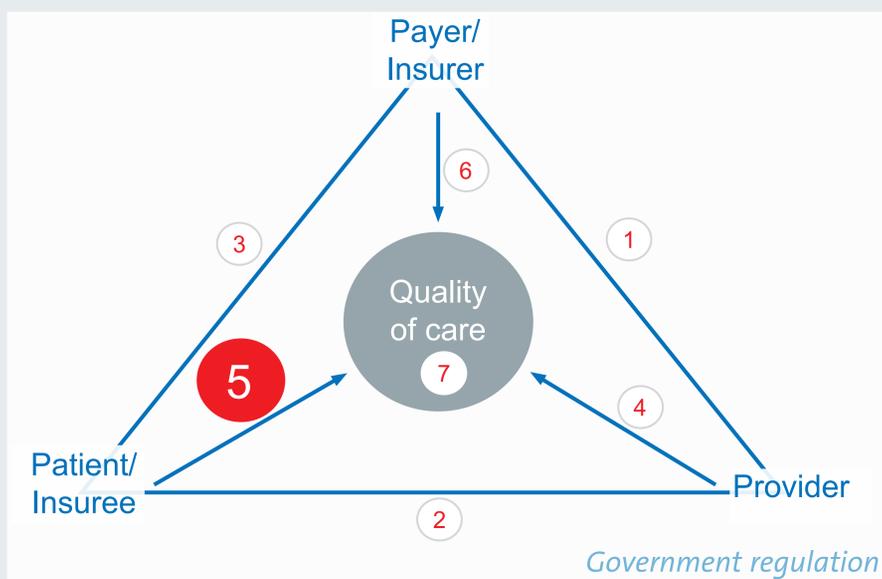




5 IMPACT OF PATIENT CHARACTERISTICS ON THE QUALITY OF HEALTH CARE



Aim:

- Patients' **socioeconomic status** determines the quality of care they receive
- Understand the two main ways how socioeconomic status influences health behavior and the quality of care **over the life course**:
 - through the family one is born into
 - through the spouse one chooses

Methods:

- Make use of **long panels** or surveys with retrospective modules, e.g. PSID or SHARE
- Use **shocks to early-life** socioeconomic status to identify long-term effects on preventive behavior and quality of care
- Use **structural models** from family economics, e.g. matching models, to study behavior on marriage markets, and link this to preventive care decisions

Contribution

- Link between family and health economics
- Investigating the impact of the family on preventive care and quality of care

PIs and interdisciplinary integration



Expertise on link between patients characteristics and quality of care, data



Expertise on measurement of quality of care



Expertise on structural methods, long-term effects, data

Potential dissertation topics:

- Analyzing the role of early-life factors for preventive care choices and for the quality of care received over the life cycle
- Analyzing the role of the spouse for preventive care choices over the life cycle