

DETAILS

RELATIONS

Development Policy ReviewVolume 41, Issue 4

Jul 2023

ARTICLE

Does conditioning cash transfers on health treatment harm the health of other families on low incomes who depend on public services? Evidence from Brazil

[View article page](#)

Marika Csapo

CITE

Check for updates

© 2023 The Authors. *Development Policy Review* published by John Wiley & Sons Ltd on behalf of ODI.

<https://doi.org/10.1111/dpr.12688>

ISSN 0950-6764

eISSN 1467-7679

Accepted 9 January 2023

Received 11 July 2022

Received: 11 July 2022 | Accepted: 9 January 2023

DOI: 10.1111/dpr.12688

ARTICLE

WILEY

Does conditioning cash transfers on health treatment harm the health of other families on low incomes who depend on public services? Evidence from Brazil

Marika Csapo

Department of Political Science and International Relations, Loyola Marymount University, U.S

Correspondence

Marika Csapo, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Loyola Marymount University, US.

Email: mcsapo@ucla.edu

Summary

Motivation: Cash transfers have become popular for relieving poverty in the Global South. Many programmes are conditional on beneficiaries complying with medical check-ups, nutritional assessments, and vaccinations. Such conditions may improve the health of beneficiaries, above all the health of their young children. But often public health provision is strained. Might the increased attention to those getting the transfers reduce health services to non-beneficiaries, and especially those on low incomes who cannot afford private medicine?

Purpose: What are the impacts of the largest and longest-lived conditional cash transfer programme in the world, Brazil's *Bolsa Família* (BF), on the health of non-beneficiaries living