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### **A framework for long-term care analysis**

Right now the provision of long term care (LTC) is not adequate and its future appears to be gloomy. The source of the problem is twofold, demographic and societal. On the one hand, one witnesses a rapid increase of people aged 80+. The issue of dependency arises precisely in that age bracket. On the other hand, with the drastic change in family values, the increasing number of childless households, the mobility of children and the increasing rate of activity of women, particularly those aged 50-65, the number of dependent elderly who cannot count on the assistance of anyone is likely to increase. Those two parallel evolutions explain why there is a mounting demand on the government and on the market to provide alternatives to the family. But it is not clear that the reasons that explain why the role of the State and the market has been so low key up to now will suddenly disappear. In this presentation we discuss the nature of these causes and the extent to which we can expect them to fade away. There exists little research on the economics of LTC and we want here to develop a framework for analyzing it to sketch an agenda of future research.