

## **My baby just cares for me? Informal care arrangements and interactions in France**

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Despite increasing professional home care utilization, the dependent elderly are still predominantly provided care by their relatives. Our paper studies the determinants of the family care arrangements in the French context. How do care provided by children depend on child or family characteristics? Among siblings, do the care decisions of each child depend on the decision of others? Do the effects of these determinants vary with the rank among siblings? Using the Disability and Health Survey on Households [Handicap Santé Ménages] (2008), we first describe care arrangements and show that they are sensitive to the parent's marital status and the size of the siblings. We then focus on two-child families to identify the determinants of care arrangements according to the rank. Determinants are child, parent or sibling variables. The model also highlights potential interaction effects among siblings, that is to say the way a child reacts to the care decision of her sibling. With a broad definition of care including domestic care, financial help and moral support, we find that the elder child reacts mainly to parent and sibling variables while the younger child is additionally sensitive to her personal characteristics. When restricting the definition to domestic care, sibling behaviors are more similar. In both cases, we observe asymmetric interactions coefficients and a systematic assignment to care for daughters with a brother.