

Well-being-effects of care for the disabled

Anaïs Cheneau*, Véronique Simonnet*

November 10, 2018

*University Grenoble Alpes
1241 Rue des Résidences
BP 47, 38040 Grenoble Cedex 9

anaïs.cheneau@univ-grenoble-alpes.fr
veronique.simonnet@univ-grenoble-alpes.fr

While the cost of care (formal and informal care) has been well measured in economic literature, little has been done concerning the positives impacts of care on the frail people needing help. We estimate a joint model using French 2008 household Healthcare data (Handicap Santé Ménages 2008). We establish the role of the different care types (formal, informal, mixed) in reducing individual unmet needs and improving various measures of well-being (employment, subjective health, and social and civic participation). We adjust for the endogeneity of care with instrumental variables. The results show that informal care improves employment and subjective health, and reduces unmet needs. Mixed care does not produce any additional benefits in terms of health or employment, and does not reduce unmet needs as much as the separate care types (formal or informal).

Keywords: Formal and informal caregivers; well-being; joint model of care use.

JEL Codes: C36; I11; I31.