

THE 3rd CYCLE OF THE BRAZILIAN NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR IMPROVING ACCESS AND QUALITY OF PRIMARY CARE (PMAQ-AB)

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The Brazilian National Programme for Improving Access and Quality of Primary Care (PMAQ-AB) was established by the Ministry of Health (MOH) in 2011. Its main objective is to encourage the expansion of access and improvement of primary care quality and create patterns comparable in national, regional and local levels - in order to allow greater transparency and effectiveness of government actions. As part of the program, an external evaluation is performed by the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), focusing on primary health care teams, oral health teams, and family health support teams. Two cycles have already taken place (2012 and 2014). In order to give continuity to these evaluative actions in Brazilian health primary care, the MOH is inducing the 3rd program cycle, which includes a multicenter external evaluation in 2016. With respect to methodology, this is an investigation (survey), with application of a single national survey and will take as a parameter what

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