

LONGEVITY AND THE INTERGENERATIONAL CONTRACT

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Intergenerational contract is a kind of an agreement on scale of entitlements to public support. The most important elements of the contract are public health care system and pension system. Increasing longevity means more old people who are qualified for health care, pensions, and other forms of public support. The main aim of the presentation is to present demographic background of changing intergenerational contract. Using data on – observed and expected in Poland – population change I would like to focus on results that population age structure changes have for demand for public services and public expenditure. The final part of the presentation is devoted to expected transformation of principles of the intergenerational contract due to the demographic pressure.