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As many other European Countries, Italy has a two-part system of public support for older people with disability: a national system of non-means tested cash disability benefits (mainly the “indennità di accompagnamento”), administered by INPS and locally-administered means-tested systems of social care, organised by Local Health Authorities and municipalities (e.g. “assistenza domiciliare” - SAD and “cure domiciliari” - ADI). Both parts of the system are subjected to considerably geographical variation in terms of reach and generosity.

By collating data from different administrative sources, we describe the local variation in receipt of publicly available support for older people in care needs support across Italy. Our aim is to explore whether, controlling for socio-demographic and economic characteristics, areas with low (high) availability of in-kind benefits, experience higher (lower) take-up of cash benefits. Exogenous variation in local policies will be used to explore programme complementarity/programme substitution in the Italian Long-Term Care system.