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China's old age care is traditionally grounded on the familism and Confucianism in which family as the principle care givers. Particularly the filial piety is the cultural and ethnical foundations of elder care within family. However, with the demographic ageing, family structure change as well as the undermining of Confucian culture, China has come to recognition that there is a need to develop community care, to regulate and manage the old age care service provision. Faced with the prospect of ascending demand of elder care and the shrinking role of family in contemporary China, how to create new elder care system beyond or supplement family care is crucial challenge. China has started the pilot practices in different locality during the past decade.

In this paper we firstly review the policy initiatives regarding the community based care and then examine the community old age care