This book explores the dilemma associated with sustaining, generating and designing legitimacy, when working with a policy for limit-setting in healthcare. Limit-setting in publicly funded health care is unavoidable, and increasingly important in the governance and managing of the demand for health services. The work of limit-setting often creates tensions, which imposes the quest for legitimacy; it involves norms and values which are related to the interests of the various health workers collectively exercising their skills, and moreover to society at large.

Based on a qualitative approach, the study focuses on what health workers are doing when they are working with a policy for provision of Assistive Technologies (AT), and in particular how they work out what they should be doing. The book disentangles the dynamic interactive process of policy work with limit-setting, where several actors in different situations and locations are forming a shared collective meaning in order to reach an appropriate act. The book sheds new light on how legitimacy can be designed in the interactive policy work with limit-setting that is taking place at the different levels in a healthcare system.

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