

Forms of care provision for the elderly in the social law of the Czech Republic

Abstract

The diploma thesis deals with the topic of forms of providing care to the elderly within the framework of social law regulation in the Czech Republic. The aim of this thesis is to present both existing forms, including aspects of individual forms of state support, to evaluate form and eventually to suggest appropriate measures that would lead to the correction of the limits and shortcomings. In the context of this, the work is divided into three subsequent parts.

In the first part, the thesis deals with the reason for the importance of care provision, which is the phenomenon of population aging, and the definition of terms associated with it. It also includes a summary of demographic evolution in the Czech Republic, past and future. The result is the finding that the population aging is of particular importance for the Czech Republic, because this phenomenon is quite progressive here, which puts pressure on satisfaction of needs of the elderly.

Individual forms of care are presented in the second part. Family care was introduced first, followed by formal care. Both forms were presented and theoretically summarized in the context of the current concept of care provision and the state support, including the list of relevant legal regulations. State support is divided into financial (in the form of individual social security benefits) and non-financial.

In the final third part, the current form was evaluated, limits and shortcomings were analysed, and appropriate measures were proposed. The identified limits include, in particular, insufficient or completely missing definitions of some terms, the financial impact of care provided by family and friends, the issue of insufficient capacity of social services limiting the availability, and the issue of financing social services.

All parts include brief comparative insights into the foreign regulations of concepts of care provision, always in the area that can be an inspiration for our adaptation. The result is a comprehensive analysis of forms of care provision in the Czech Republic.

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