

## **Abstract**

This diploma thesis focuses on problems with purpose and use of care allowance in families with children with long term unfavourable health condition. The work is divided according to its content into a theoretical and empiric parts. The theoretical part deals with a development of an approach towards people suffering any health disability throughout history, it explains terms such as family, health handicap or the situation of a caring family, furthermore the work describes specific systems of social care and help. The empiric part analyses legislative scope of care allowance including comparison of similar social allowances abroad. It also works with accessible statistic data. The solution of the above mentioned case is complemented by case studies of five caring families with children with long term unfavourable health condition, where the author of this work gathered the data on the basis of qualitative sociologic research – through semi-structured interviews.