

Legal regulation of sickness insurance benefits in the Czech Republic

Abstract

The diploma thesis is devoted to the topic of substantive regulation of sickness insurance benefits in the Czech Republic. The benefits resulting from sickness insurance form a comprehensive system, the aim of which is to provide economically active persons with security in case of social events.

The thesis is divided into eight chapters, with the first chapter devoted to the historical development of sickness insurance since the ancient times to the present. The second chapter is intended to help the reader place the sickness insurance subsystem into a broader legal context. In the third chapter, we meet the already valid legal regulation of health insurance, the principles and functioning of insurance are explained here, and the basic terms related to sickness insurance are discussed. The fourth chapter offers an insight into the issues related to participation, creation and termination of sickness insurance, whereby participation in health insurance is one of the basic conditions for entitlement to a specific benefit flowing from the sickness insurance system. The subsequent fifth chapter explains the conditions of entitlement to sickness insurance benefits, describes the institution of the protection period and generally mentions the amount of benefits. The crucial sixth chapter is devoted in detail to individual sickness insurance benefits, i.e. sickness, nursing, long-term nursing, cash assistance in maternity, compensatory allowance in pregnancy and maternity, paternity and defines the special conditions of entitlement to individual benefits, specifies the support period and the amount of a specific benefit. At the same time, certain specifics that may arise in practice are described for each sickness insurance benefit, and it is also clearly distinguished whether a given benefit concerns only employees or also self-employed persons. The seventh chapter deals with the issue of health assessment. The final, eighth chapter mentions the health insurance authorities and their competence in the implementation of insurance, while also remembering the newly established Institute of Health Assessment.

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