

## **Abstract**

Diploma Thesis “Assistance of dignified life for the elderly - Social services in field” is focused on the field of social services for the elderly, which’s main function is to enable seniors to remain as long as possible at home, despite difficulties with self-sufficiency and independence, leading to a better quality of life. Due to the aging of population and new trends in the way of care for the elderly, it was necessary to fundamentally change the way of this kind of care in the Czech Republic- the current requirements are quality of life, individual approach and subsidiarity. To create the background leading to providing quality services and care, there was the need to change the law. In 2007 came into force the Act 108/2006 Coll. on social services, which changed the setting of social services, their definitions, rights and responsibilities, funding, but also shifted the responsibility for providing services and quality control on the region, as well as for the availability of services. At the same time steps have been taken, which should support the market behaviour of service providers to achieve their accessibility, affordability and quality. The content of this work is to evaluate the Social Services Act in relation to European trends of care and assessment of the law, its applicability and proposed amendments from the perspective of service providers, i.e. the direct participants in the process. At the same time an example of the Central Region indicated the functionality of communication and cooperation between the region and Social service providers.