

Abstract

The thesis "Financing of Social Care services for the Elderly in the Czech Republic - Current Problems and Challenges" deals with analysis of system of social care services for the elderly in view of the fact that the current financing form is subject to criticism for its inefficiency. The aim of this thesis is to critically reflect changes in the provision and financing of social care services for the elderly in the Czech Republic after 2007 in the context of current challenges related to long-term social care and health care.

The thesis in its introduction first deals with the formulation of the research problem, deals with particular targets, research questions and the methods of data collection, which are the methods of analysis and public policy making and qualitative research methods. It also discusses the theoretical background of social services and their financing. The next chapter of the thesis deals with the system development of social services and changes in the provision and financing of social care services, which occurred in connection with the adoption of Act No. 108/2006 Coll., On social services. The following chapter deals with analysis of the financing form of social care services in terms of financial resources and problems of financing these services through the care allowance and subsidies from the state budget, and the interconnection of the system of social services and health care in the context of long-term social and health care. This chapter is analysis of stakeholders and presents the results of my survey research. The final part of the thesis is based on an analysis of data sources and results of my survey research among the selected stakeholders. The output of this part is SWOT analysis, which is connected to critical reflection of the current system of financing social services. In conclusion, the thesis summarizes the results of research and reference is made to implement the necessary measures to improve the functioning of the system of financing social services in the Czech Republic.