

Objective of my diploma work titled “The Mobile Hospice” is to contribute to the description of the current situation in the area of providing palliative home care. Theoretical part of the work describes development of the hospice movement in our country and abroad, principles of palliative treatment and care, and problems of mobile hospices in the Czech Republic. In the connection with this area of problems I focused on the delimitation of palliative home care and simple home care, on the legislative framework of the provided services, on the funding method, concept, on the problems of standardization of the provided service and the level of education. Using the qualitative methodology of research, I investigated impact of the amendment to the Act on Public Health Insurance No. 48/1997 Sb. on the funding of mobile hospices in the empirical part of my work. I collected qualitative data by means of questioning employees of three mobile hospices. Based on the analysis of answers of the research participants, my degree work describes basic spheres of problems with which the provision of mobile hospice care is connected in practice. The output is a formulation of recommendations that are to support management of mobile hospices and to help overcome impediments related to the provision of this care.