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**THE SYSTEM OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN UKRAINE:
STRUCTURAL AND FUNCTIONAL DIMENSION**

The author examines the organization of social services system in modern Ukraine. The author believes that the structural and functional principles of functioning of the national system of social services are caused by historical features of the Ukrainian state and socio-economic factors involved in its formation processes at every stage of its evolution. The author notes that the principle of this complex system construction is based on historical use and development of all forms of ownership, so now it consists of public and private sectors. Thus the share of the public sector is much higher than the respective share of private sector in the development of this system. That certainly cannot be considered as the exponent of decentralization of government in the social sphere enhancing in Ukraine.

It is structured in the article the social services not only by species but also by areas of addressing services in education, science; services in the social sphere, medical services, and therapeutic area; services in personal and professional social adaptation. The functional aspect of social services is examined in the article.

The modernization of minimum list of social services requires a clear definition of the paradigmatic core of reforms, which, according to the author's thought, have become the most common (common or traditional) needs of the recipient's list of which is determined on the basis of objective statistical data and expert opinion. On the other hand, it can be seen in its capacity of needs of the state in saving of budgetary resources in order to invest it in more profitable sectors to achieve the long-term positive economic effect. Then the needs of the people recede into the background, giving the way to strategic goals of development of individual sectors, industrial, defense systems, etc.

The experience of countries around the globe shows that a unified approach to solving this daunting dilemma still is not exists. It is evidenced due to the existence of different models of economic structures, characterized by asymmetry of its social, economic and environmental components.

Therefore, according to the author, Ukraine's current priority is the task of balancing the interests of both sides to align capacity of the population to ensure the normal (proper) conditions of existing in the society, equal access to quality social services.

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