

LEGAL REGULATION OF PROVIDING PSYCHIATRIC CARE IN UKRAINE: PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS

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The Article examines the features of the legal status of persons suffering from mental illness and the procedure for providing them with psychiatric medical care, regulated by the laws of Ukraine, as well as their subsequent rehabilitation in the field of mental health. The package of legislation and by-laws, constituting the legal framework for the legal regulation of the sphere of mental health protection, has been systematized. The organizational and legal state guarantees of psychiatric treatment are listed: specified the legal and organizational basis for the provision of psychiatric care to citizens and other persons, based on the priority of human and civil rights and freedoms, the responsibilities of local

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governments in organizing the provision of mental health care and social protection to persons suffering from mental disorders, the powers and duties of specialists and other workers involved in the provision of mental health care are indicated.

The issues are legislative limitation of the rights and freedoms of persons suffering from mental disorders, the problems of legal regulation of the provision of medical care to patients in psychiatric institutions, the state of temporary mental disorder, insanity and inability to bear legal responsibility, and the use of compulsory medical measures. The directions of improving the legal status of persons suffering from mental illness and the legal regulation of the provision of psychiatric medical care to them are indicated.