**Abstract**

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Title: **«**Analysis of the targeting criteria in the provision of social support at the federal and regional level**»**

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**Goal of the research:** to analyze the use of targeting criteria at the federal and regional levels, to evaluate the effects of different criteria for the entire population and its groups.

To achieve the goal following **methods** were used

* publication review;
* legislation analysis;
* univariate and multivariate statistical analysis;
* microsimulation;
* expert interviews.

**Empirical base of the research:**

* federal and regional legal acts;
* data of the Rosstat sample surveys: Survey of household income and participation in social programs (2014), Complex survey of household living conditions (2014), Survey of quality and accessibility of services in the field of education, health care and social protection, promotion of employment (2015);
* expert interviews with the Medical-Social Expertise Bureau employees, manufacturers of assistive technologies and devices, representatives of public associations of disabled persons, politicians;
* data from registers of social services providers;
* official and department statistics.

**Results of the research:**

1. International experience of implementing social support programs is studied, and the main approaches to the definition of targeting and needs in provision of social support in countries with different models of social policy were identified.
2. Analysis of federal and regional legislation on social protection permitted to pick out targeting criteria used in Russian regions.
3. With the microsimulation, size and socio-demographic characteristics of population groups becoming recipients of the support under various targeting criteria were evaluated.
4. On the basis of the surveys and the expert interviews, ability of the existing social protection system of to meet needs of people with disabilities in monetary support and the provision of technical means of rehabilitation was assessed.
5. The monitoring of implementation of the federal law 442 “On social services to the citizens of the Russian Federation” in 2016 was carried out. Changes in federal and regional legislation, concerning the rules of assessment of needs in social services, rules of payment for social services, and tariffs for social services were recorded.
6. The impact of migration policy on the legalization of migrants and therefore their inclusion in the system of social support at different levels was evaluated.
7. Recommendations for improving the targeting criteria for the provision of social support at the federal and regional levels were developed.

**Level of implementation.** The study was carried out for the Presidential Executive Office. During the project 7 policy briefs and an expert position were prepared. Some materials of the project were used in discussion at the workshops on social protection organized by the World Bank and the Financial Research Institute.

The results of the project and recommendations based on the results can be used to advise public authorities and to improve the existing or draft legislation on social support measures in order to increase effectiveness of the support.