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**Abstract:** In this article, the analysis of the process of transformation of this issue from the years of Independence to the present, and the analysis of the concept of disability are conceptually revealed. Also, the article examines models of disability and reveals their specific aspects. In addition, the importance of normative legal documents in the Republic of Uzbekistan on social protection of disabled people is highlighted.

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**Introduction.** According to the World Health Organization, today more than 10% of the world's population is disabled. Therefore, laws and international documents aimed at protecting the rights and interests of persons with disabilities and creating a decent way of life for them have been adopted in the world. The first international act on the rights of persons with disabilities is the Declaration on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 1975 within the framework of the UN. 1981 was declared the International Year of the Handicapped. From 1983 to 1992, the UN Decade of Persons with Disabilities was declared. International legal instruments on the rights of persons with disabilities adopted before 1993 protected the special rights of persons with disabilities. Also, in 2006, the first international legal act "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" and its optional protocol were adopted.

Based on this, the process of social protection of disabled people in our country has been raised to the priority level of state policy after gaining independence. In the years of independence, the political, legal, economic and social aspects of the system of social protection of the disabled have been completely improved and moved from one state to another. This transition showed that the transformation will take place in the history of our independent country. That is, the process of social protection has become a completely new system. Step by step formation of the social model of social protection of the disabled in the society from the medical model to the social model. It is developing. We mean the transformation of the process of social protection of persons with disabilities as a set of processes. Below, we will analyze the reforms in the implementation of social protection of persons with disabilities in our country in terms of their value, in a certain chronological period.

We will analyze the process of transformation of this issue from the years of independence to the present. Based on the study of the relevant literature, articles and analytical reports on the policy of our state, we would like to divide the changes in the transformation of social protection of persons with disabilities into two main periods. That is, period 1: 1991-2016; period 2 includes the period from 2016 to now. If we consider the transformation of the process of social protection of persons with disabilities as an example of the period of development of New Uzbekistan, it is correct from the point of view of historical justice to mention the changes that started from the first years of independence. The reason is that the state policy that started at the beginning of independence by the end of 2016 started serious changes in the entire political system. This is also the case with social security. Even the fact that 2007 was named the "Year of Social Protection" by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan indicates that this field is defined as a priority of state policy. In particular, to further expand and strengthen the scope of social protection of the population, increase the effectiveness of providing assistance to needy categories of the population and families, disabled

people and lonely elderly people in a specific, differentiated manner, prevent a sharp increase in the differences in the income level of the population, and create an atmosphere of harmony, kindness and compassion in society. positive changes were made regarding the implementation of a set of measures aimed at a specific goal. It is necessary to mention these changes from the point of view of academic ethics.

Based on this, we analyze two periods of transformation of the process of social protection of persons with disabilities in the development of Uzbekistan.

First period. This period is a 25-year period from the country's independence until the end of 2016. The peculiarity of this period was that the economy was in a difficult situation for a young independent country that had separated from the former Union. In one way or another, the shortage of products necessary for the needs of the population began. The standard of living of the people began to decrease. This is especially evident in the living conditions of the disabled and the elderly. In the new constitution of the SSR in 1977, the right of citizens to receive material support was expressed in Article 43 of this constitution, but as a result of the collapse of the communist regime, the problem of providing the population with necessary products began to appear on the agenda for the young countries. In addition, due to the negative effects of the cotton regime and the chemical treatment of the fields, the number of birth defects among the population was increasing. In this context, the Law "On social protection of disabled people in the Republic of Uzbekistan" was adopted in the Republic of Uzbekistan on November 18, 1991. This law is the first law aimed at defining the concepts and relations of persons with disabilities.

Social protection of persons with disabilities in this law means - economic, social and legal measures guaranteed by the state, which provide conditions for persons with disabilities to overcome restrictions on life activities, compensate (compensate) them and create equal opportunities for them to participate in society and state life with other citizens. defined as a system of events.

Since Shavkat Mirziyoyev took office as the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, great work has been started on the democratization and liberalization of all spheres of society and state life in our country, and the construction of New Uzbekistan. In a historically short period of time, under the direct leadership of the head of our state, the Strategy of Actions on the five priority directions of the development of the Republic of Uzbekistan - a long-term strategy for the sustainable development of society and the state - was developed, which marks the beginning of a completely new stage of fundamental and rapid democratic reforms. The fourth direction of this strategy is "consistently increasing the employment and real income of the population aimed at the development of the social sphere, improving the system of social protection and health care, increasing the socio-political activity of women, building affordable housing, road transport, engineering and communication. and implementation of targeted programs for the development and modernization of social infrastructures, development of education, culture, science, literature, art and sports, improvement of state policy regarding youth" new directions of transformation of the process of social protection of the disabled have begun in our country. In the fourth direction of this strategy, the priorities of the development of the social sector are to consistently increase the population's employment and real income, to improve the social protection and health care system of the population, to increase the socio-political activity of women, to implement targeted programs on the construction of affordable housing. development and modernization of road transport, engineering-communication and social infrastructure that ensure improvement of the living conditions of the population, development of education and science, improvement of state policy regarding youth.

Decree No. F-5006 of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated August 1, 2017 "On measures to fundamentally improve the system of state support for persons with disabilities" was adopted. This decree created a system of medical and social assistance for the elderly, pensioners, disabled and

disabled children in our country. Targeted social protection of the needy sections of the population was defined as one of the priorities of the state polic. Also, the Decree of the head of our state dated December 1, 2017 "On measures to radically improve the system of state support for persons with disabilities" was also adopted.

In this Decree, the following were defined as the main directions of further improvement of the state support system for persons with disabilities:

to prevent discrimination based on the sign of disability, to ensure equal conditions for the realization of the rights, freedoms and legal interests of persons with disabilities and the inevitability of liability for their violation;

implementation of universally recognized international norms and standards in the field of ensuring the rights of persons with disabilities into national legislation;

introduction of transparent, modern methods and criteria of medical-labor expertise and disability determination, by expanding the level and quality of medical and social assistance to persons with disabilities, including access to high-tech specialized medical and social assistance using modern methods of diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation increase;

to create effective mechanisms for timely registration of persons with disabilities, to monitor and support them from the moment the signs of disability appear, including effective monitoring of the social situation of persons with disabilities using modern information and communication technologies, comprehensive assessment of their living conditions, development and implementation of individual development programs, as well as introduction of a single complex system that allows providing the necessary medical and social assistance in a timely manner;

increase the effectiveness of screening examinations for the improvement of the level and quality of medical care, the early detection of diseases and the expansion of preventive measures, including the early detection and prevention of the causes and conditions of the growth of birth defects and hereditary diseases;

measures to strengthen targeted social protection of persons with disabilities, to expand medical and social services and material assistance aimed at improving their housing, household and other living conditions, to provide them with medical and social rehabilitation, including quality auxiliary and technical rehabilitation tools increase efficiency;

to strengthen interaction of persons with disabilities with their families, society and the state, to create the necessary conditions for them to be in a comfortable environment, to freely use city passenger transport, social and other infrastructure facilities;

improving the system of inclusive education and employment, which ensures the involvement and active participation of persons with disabilities in the socio-economic life of society;

ensuring the openness and transparency of the activities of competent state bodies in the field of determining disability and providing medical and social assistance, simplifying procedures, developing public-private and social partnership in the field of providing medical and social assistance to persons with disabilities and their social rehabilitation;

to strengthen the material and technical base of medical and social institutions, to develop a system of medical and social assistance aimed at improving the quality of life of those taken into custody in "Muruvat" and "Sakhavat" boarding houses, and to increase the effectiveness of their rehabilitation and socialization;

modernization, technical and technological updating of enterprises producing prosthetic-orthopedic products and technical rehabilitation tools, including foreign investments and loans, introduction of modern standards of their production;

improvement of the system of training of highly qualified specialists based on the advanced achievements of modern medicine and science, quality standards of diagnosis, treatment and

rehabilitation, improvement of health measures, promotion of the culture of leading a healthy and active lifestyle;

it is envisaged to activate scientific research in the field of state support for persons with disabilities, including the use of effective criteria for determining disability. In addition, with this Decree, a comprehensive program of measures was adopted to further improve the system of support for persons with disabilities and to strengthen guarantees for the protection of their rights and freedoms. In this program, exemplary tasks of 52 items on social protection of persons with disabilities were defined. On the basis of this program, humanitarian work is being carried out in our country to help Muslims with limited opportunities. In the second stage, many normative legal documents were adopted to improve the conditions of people with disabilities in the development of New Uzbekistan. Of course, this is a positive situation. In addition, the fact that the leader of our country holds face-to-face meetings with the disabled in order to fully support their activities, and even goes to nursing homes, nursing homes, hospitals to get acquainted with the conditions there and get information about their condition is a clear example of changes in this regard. possible Even on December 26, 2016, the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On social services for the elderly, persons with disabilities and other socially needy categories of the population" was adopted. This law is also related to legal, economic, psychological, educational assistance to a person in need of services aimed at improving the quality of life of a person in our country, creating opportunities for him to participate in the life of society equal to other citizens and (or) expanding the opportunities to independently provide for his basic life needs. it was determined that it is a set of medical, rehabilitation measures and other measures.

At this stage, the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On further development of the system of social support for the elderly and persons with disabilities, "Sakhavat" and "Muruvat" boarding houses; The Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On measures to improve the system of working with family and women, supporting the neighborhood and religious people"; Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On approval of the strategy of social protection of the population of the Republic of Uzbekistan"; Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On comprehensive measures to provide high-quality social services and assistance to the population and establish an effective system of its control"; Decision of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On measures to organize the activities of the endurance school of Paralympians"; The Decision of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On improving the financial support of participants and veterans of the Second World War and further improving the system of support for single elderly people and persons with disabilities"; The Decision of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On comprehensive support of the Nurani, additional measures to increase their standard of living"; The Decision of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On additional measures for social protection and material support of the population in need of assistance"; Decisions of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On additional measures for the development of the Uzbek sign language and the Braille alphabet" were adopted. Also, about 10 decisions of the Cabinet of Ministers were adopted.

Among the transformational changes of the second period, the adoption of Decree No. PF-82 of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated June 1, 2023 "On comprehensive measures to provide quality social services and assistance to the population and establish an effective control system" is a new unique system in this regard in our country. was created. With this Decree, the National Social Protection Agency was established under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan. This agency is the authorized state body for the development and implementation of the unified state policy in the field of social protection and provision of social services and performs its activities independently of other state bodies and organizations and their officials.

The tasks of the agency include:

Reducing the number of people in need of social protection by providing them with social services and assistance, and ensuring their socialization into society;

By organizing social service and social assistance at the neighborhood level, not to separate the population from their living environment, who are at risk of falling into a difficult life situation;

Permanent guarantee of their rights by ensuring the stability of social service and social assistance;

Increase participation in the formation of social protection policy by ensuring transparency at all stages of social service and social assistance provision;

Improving the addressability and efficiency of services by taking into account the needs and demands of the population in the formation of social services.

The priority areas of the agency's activity are :

In the direction of development and implementation of state policies and measures in the field of social protection of the population:

development of a unified state policy in the field of social protection of the population and its implementation;

development of social assistance programs for individuals and families in need of social protection;

development of guaranteed social service standards, monitoring of their implementation;

of the population different groups with working professional "social work" service organize reach;

social partnership expansion , non-governmental sector and local communities various services show and of the population weak layers to support more active attraction to do for encourage measures create;

the field digitization through social protection system transparency provide and processes population for comfortable way organize to do marked.

Also, this agency is carrying out reforms aimed at protecting the interests of people with limited opportunities and in need of social protection in our country on the main priority tasks in 7 directions, which is not an exaggeration to say that this expressed the main concept of the transformation of the process of social protection of people with limited opportunities in the development of New Uzbekistan. In addition, there was a need to adopt this decree in order to ensure the fulfillment of the state's constitutional obligations to support the employment and education of persons with disabilities.

In conclusion, it should be said that taking into account the principles of the "social state" announced in the newly revised Constitution in real life, the implementation of real changes in the development of New Uzbekistan is based on unconditionally ensuring the rights and interests of citizens related to social protection, and fundamentally improving the quality of providing social services to the population. These changes are aimed at introducing a professional social protection system, ensuring the socialization of the population in need of help, providing social protection at the neighborhood level to the population in a difficult life situation with an individual approach.

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