**HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF DOMESTIC SOCIAL PATRONAGE**

**IN BULGARIA (50s–90s of the XX century)**

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***Abstract****. This publication examines and analyzes some aspects related to the historical development and institutionalization of home social care in Bulgaria from the early 50s to the late 80s of the twentieth century. The evolutionary processes in the state and party policy, applied to the elderly and people with disabilities, to the permanent and establishment as a basic social service in the system of social assistance are traced. The specific and key elements characterizing its transformation from secondary medical and social activity to modern forms of home social patronage are presented.*

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