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**SCIENTIFIC AND METHODOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES
OF LEGAL RELATIONS IN HEALTH INSURANCE**

Studying the formation of areas of medical insurance in Ukraine, it is necessary to focus on several aspects. Firstly, health insurance is a special system of relations, which is part of social legislation and acts as a guarantee of constitutional rights of citizens by the medical institutions. Secondly, health insurance has its own history of research developed during XIX – XX centuries.

It is worth noting that each process involves a scientific basis, and in this context works of scholars aimed to study the issue are of considerable interest. Besides clarification of substantive provisions of scientific works contributing to a detailed study of the investigated problem, it is necessary to determine the mandatory basic scientific methods helpful for investigation of its formation. This makes the study of the methodology of health insurance important as a basis for further phase-by-phase study of the specified area.

During the research of formation of health insurance it is mandatory to use general scientific and private scientific methods peculiar both in the study of social processes occurring in the territory of the state and clarification of individual terms of the legal relations in health insurance. Scientific techniques allowing studying the development of health insurance include systematic method, method of dialectics, historicism, method of analysis and synthesis, formal legal method, method of legal comparativism and so on. For a more detailed specification of the issue the author defined the term “methodology of medical insurance” and interpreted it as a set of scientific methods and approaches determining preconditions of formation, stages of development, and basis of functioning of health insurance. The issues of relationship of rules governing health insurance with branches of national law require further research.

