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The social care services root in the weakening of family supporting systems for the elderly. As a consequence, the demand of the elderly for social care services is determined by the substitutability of family supporting for the elderly to some extent. From the perspective of embeddedness, the article interprets the replacement mechanism of family support for the elderly theoretically and analyzed the characteristics and determinant factors of the demand of the elderly for social care services empirically. The research results show that the demand level of the elderly for social care services is low in general, while the demand level for health and medical care and mental console is relatively high. Physical function acts as the hard constraint factor on the demand of the elderly for social care services. The weaker the physical function is, the higher the demand level of the elderly for social care services is. The demand of the elderly for social care services is embedded in the family structural situation, which means that, the aged who live in families with more family members, less generation, less sons and more family members who graduated from colleges, tend to have higher demand level for social care services. Meanwhile, the aged who live without spouse tend to have higher demand level for social care services. Attribute to the self-enforcement effect of current care pattern for the elderly, the aged who live in the elderly support organizations such as Yanglaoyuan (Residential Long-term Care) tend to have higher demand level for social care services. The research results indicate that, the demands of the oldest-old with weak physical function for social care services are rigid and practical. So it’s a task of top priority to construct a social care service system, which is based on reinforcing the core position of home-based care for the elderly and focuses on the need of the oldest-old and the widowed old.

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