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Re: Opposition to May Revision proposal to eliminate Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS)

We are writing to request that the Governor's 2020-21 May Revision that seeks to eliminate the Adult Day Health Care (ADHC)/Community Based Adult Services (CBAS) program be rejected.

Yolo Adult Day Health Center has been serving the residents of Yolo County since 1984. The program was built by the community to serve the community. Over its 36 year history, the program has prevented thousands of unnecessary hospitalizations and nursing home placements due to the effectiveness of the strong clinical team. Additionally, it provides the option to live in the community and not be institutionalized prematurely and allows caregivers to continue to work and contribute to the economy. ADHC/CBAS services are the most cost effective community-based alternative to skilled nursing facility care, and we believe that the proposal to totally eliminate the program is extremely shortsighted.

At the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Newsom deemed California's ADHC/CBAS program an essential service because it protects the very people who are most at risk from COVID-19 due to age and underlying health conditions. Yolo Adult Day Health Center was one of the first centers to convert their program from a congregate setting to providing needed support while participants sheltered in place. During COVID, the team members have been delivering meals, providing medication management, ensuring physical therapy sessions for individuals declining due to lack of ambulation, offering unending COVID screening calls, assisting with ZOOM MD appointments, delivering therapeutic recreation packets, counseling stressed caregivers, providing wound care and much more. There exists no other service that could match the effectiveness of their interventions at one quarter the cost of nursing home care. Through the ability of ADHC/CBAS programs to adapt to this reality and remain effective, they have proven that their skills and adaptability to serve the highest of the high risk population are unmatched.

If approved, the elimination of ADHC/CBAS will also create an even larger budget deficit, as statewide 36,000 participants will lose this safety net shifting to exponentially higher costs due to increased hospitalizations, emergency room visits and the inevitable surge in nursing home admissions.

Most importantly, 10 years ago, when the ADHC program was eliminated in the 2010-11 budget, the courts determined that this action violated the rights of seniors and persons with disabilities under the Olmstead decision and the program continued. Let us not repeat the same mistake. **We urge you to reject the proposal to eliminate ADHC/CBAS from the Governor's May Revision.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Provenza", followed by a horizontal line.

Jim Provenza, Chair

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