

1 [Opposing Elimination of Adult Day Health Center Programs]

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3 **Resolution opposing the proposed elimination of Medi-Cal funding for Adult Day Health**  
4 **Center programs in the State of California.**

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6 WHEREAS, San Francisco County has nine nonprofit and two for-profit Adult Day  
7 Health Centers (AHDC) serving the needs of over 1800 frail elders and persons with  
8 disabilities, along with their families; and

9 WHEREAS, All ADHC centers provide skilled nursing care; physical, occupational and  
10 speech therapy; social work; exercise programs; nutrition assessment and counseling; hot  
11 meals; and other services necessary for ADHC patients to maintain their health and live safely  
12 at home; and

13 WHEREAS, All ADHC centers provide education, counseling, support and navigation  
14 for family caregivers, and help those patients without caregivers navigate services and care,  
15 throughout the county without fees; and

16 WHEREAS, The ADHC services provided by these agencies are up to five times less  
17 expensive than early and/or inappropriate use of emergency rooms, hospitals, nursing  
18 homes and inpatient psychiatric facilities to both seniors and the tax-paying public and, more  
19 importantly allow ADHC patients to maintain their health and live at home; and

20 WHEREAS, Elimination of Adult Day Health Center funding through Medi-Cal would  
21 destabilize or close these programs, thus also threatening the services for non Medi-Cal  
22 participants such as veterans and adults with developmental disabilities; and

23 WHEREAS, Within 30 days hospitals in San Francisco County would quickly see  
24 increased hospitalizations and emergency room visits by affected displaced ADHC patients;  
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1           WHEREAS, Within six months San Francisco County hospitals could expect to see  
2 hundreds of ADHC patients needing to be placed in skilled nursing or psychiatric facilities at a  
3 significantly greater cost to taxpayers; now, therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby is opposed to the  
5 proposed elimination of Medi-Cal funding for Adult Day Health Center programs in the State of  
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