

Call your elected officials! Key points that support CBAS/ADHC funding

Use this suggested phone script and key messages when calling elected officials

My name is _____ and I reside at _____.

I am calling today to ask Senator/Assemblymember _____ to inform Governor Newsom that the proposed funding cuts to the Adult Day Health Care/Community Based Adult Services program are ill-advised and will **not** result in savings to California, rather would lead to cost-shifting that INCREASES the cost to care for this vulnerable population.

- Adult Day Health Care/Community Based Adult Services (CBAS) is an essential part of care for frail older adults
- These programs are PROVEN to save money, reduce emergency room visits, reduce hospitalizations, and reduce admissions to Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Nearly 3,000 frail older adults currently benefit from these programs in Orange County. If these funding cuts happen, 17 CBAS centers would likely be forced to close
- Family caregivers rely on CBAS centers to care for vulnerable older adult loved ones, to go to work, handle person business, manage their own health and attend school
- The State of California attempted to eliminate this funding ten years ago, but the courts blocked the cuts, ruling that closing the Adult Day Health Care/ CBAS Centers violated the Olmstead Decision
- CBAS/ADHC is a 40-year-old program with a proven track record that has demonstrated to be cost-effective and is already meeting the needs of its participants. Eliminating, or replacing CBAS/ADHC Long Term Care at Home program the DHCS has proposed would be a grave mistake
- The DHCS has stated that the new program will be cost-neutral. The details to prove this claim true have not been provided
- DHCS claims that the Long Term Care at Home program will be up and running in 6 months. The state's past efforts to modify existing programs for this population does not support that this a realistic timeline
- If the program development process takes longer, families could be left *without needed resources*
- The DHCS is asking to approve the broad outlines of a new program before even a single stakeholder meeting has been held to vet the program's effectiveness
- Ask the Governor to temporarily shelve his Long Term Care at Home proposal until a legitimate budget and stakeholder process, which allows for a full vetting of this proposal is carried out. In the meantime, the current safety net programs must be preserved, *especially* MSSP and CBAS.
- Please ask Governor Newsom to reconsider and preserve the funding for the CBAS centers.

Email Governor Newsom! Key points that support CBAS/ADHC funding

How to contact the Governor online:

1. Go to <https://govapps.gov.ca.gov/gov40mail/>
2. Enter your name, email, and choose option "Budget Proposal 2020-21."
3. You will be prompted to communicate your support of CBAS/ADHC funding.

Here is a suggested message you can use:

"I support the Legislature's budget proposal which PRESERVES funding for Adult Day Health Care/CBAS, MSSP, and the Caregiver Resource Centers.

These effective and cost-effective programs must be part of the California Master Plan for Aging, addressing the current and future needs of our aging population. Trying to replace it with the new *Long Term Care at Home* program that the DHCS has submitted to the legislature is a misguided attempt to provide services that are already being provided by the Adult Day Health Care/CBAS program.

The DHCS is asking to approve the broad outlines of a new program before a single stakeholder meeting has been held to vet the program's effectiveness and has failed to provide any details to support their claim that this new program is cost neutral. Trying to implement this new program within 6 months, which the DHCS claims they intend to do, is an unrealistic timeline. Furthermore, if this aggressive timeline is not met, families would be left without the critical, much needed services they need and depend on.

I ask that you temporarily shelve the *Long Term Care at Home* proposal until a legitimate budget and stakeholder process is carried out that allows for a full vetting of this proposal. In the meantime, the current safety net programs must be preserved, including rejecting the elimination of CBAS/ADHC and MSSP."