



Californian radio: the looming adult care crisis

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With state funding for adult day care slated to end in December, local officials are preparing for the worst: increases in 9-1-1 calls, emergency room visits, nursing home placements and investigations for abuse and neglect. Demand for mental health services and in-home care also is expected to rise.

Officials say the scale of the coming cuts is unprecedented. Thousands of Kern County seniors and low income adults with mental and physical impairments will be forced to either pay out of pocket, seek other care or do without.

Price's guests Tuesday will be Kathy Hilberg of Kern Medical Center's Elder Life Adult Day Health Care and Joe Coronado, the son of an Elder Life client.

The show airs from 10 to 11 a.m. on KGEO 1230 AM. To call in with a question or comment, dial 631-1230.

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