

Calif. adult day health care cuts protested

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Summary

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In this photo taken Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2011, senior citizens do physical therapy at the Glendale Gardens Adult Day Health Care center in Glendale, Calif. (AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes)

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California elder care advocates plan a series of actions around the state to protest budget cuts that would eliminate adult day health care programs that serve about 37,000 fragile seniors.

California Association for Adult Day Services Executive Director Lydia Missaelides says 5-foot-high stacks of signatures will be delivered Thursday morning to the offices of Gov. Jerry Brown, Senate President Pro Tem Darrel Steinberg and Assembly Speaker John Perez.

More than 110,000 signatures were collected from constituents all over the state.

In Southern California, protests are scheduled outside the Glendale offices of state Sen. Carol Liu, the Long Beach offices of Sen. Alan Lowenthal and the Walnut offices of Sen. Bob Huff.

Advocates say the Senate Budget Committee voted last week to eliminate funding for the program.