

## Gov. Brown Vetoes Bill To Help Elderly And Disabled

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SALINAS, Calif. - Help is running out for the elderly and needy. On Tuesday, Governor Jerry Brown vetoed a bill offering an alternative to Adult Day Health Care. Matthew Insley spent several years searching for the best health care for his wife Darlene, after she suffered from a stroke almost 4 years ago. He finally found an Adult Day Health Care Center in Salinas 3 months ago. Darlene now goes twice a week.

"Her stamina is much improved. She's able to balance a little bit more when she's being transferred or standing," said Matthew Insley.

Insley says it's the physical therapy and the great people his wife meets at the center that makes the place such a huge benefit, but what's even better is the fact that the center feels like home. But now, the second home that is filled with a library, dance room, physical therapy center, and games could all go away. Budget cuts eliminated funding for Adult Day Health Care. On Tuesday, Governor Brown vetoed a bill providing money to the neediest patients.

"For them to cut the funding for stuff like this to force people back to be stuck back in their homes again is really devastating," said Insley.

Shani Robinson runs the Wisdom Center in Salinas. He said cutting Adult Day Health Care funding will cost the state more in the long run because it will have to pay for patients to find individual care.

"It's incredibly robust, frugal model to do all that just 76 dollars a day. Any one of those services independently would be more than 76 dollars a day. So if you separate them all out, it would be close to 10 times that," said Shani Robins, Wisdom Centers Program Director.

There is some good news; the Wisdom Care Center in Salinas is safe for the time being because it received 2 million dollars from private investors to stay open.