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Golden Umbrella's Adult Day Health Care Center On The Chopping Block

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REDDING, Calif. -- The governor's budget has put adult day health care centers around the state on the chopping block, forcing facilities to brace for what could be an enormous impact.

These centers provide overall care for seniors including physical therapy, transportation, a nursing staff, and social workers. The governor's proposal would impact over 300 facilities in California and affect 37,000 senior citizens.

Officials with The Golden Umbrella in Redding say it would be in danger of closing without the revenue from its adult day health care center.

Jackie Wilson of Redding has been bringing her 89-year old mother, Margret Siegel to the Golden Umbrella's adult day health care program for almost two years. Her mother has Alzheimer's and Wilson says the program has changed her for the better.

"She's totally changed. She's looking forward to it [the program] everyday. She wants to come even on the weekends. She loves the people here because they are so kind to her," said Wilson.

Wilson says if the adult day health care center goes away she won't have a lot of options to consider.

"It would be really hard. I would keep her home as long as I could, but she needs help with everything. She can't bathe herself, she can't get herself dressed, so it would be, I would just do it as long as I could," said Wilson.

Governor's Brown's proposal would cut adult day health care services around the state saving almost 180 million over the next two years.

But Kay Hudelson, the program director at Golden Umbrella says cutting these centers will leave seniors stuck and families with limited options to take care of loved ones.

"Those seniors won't have some place to go," said Hudelson.

"That physical therapy, occupational therapy, and nursing staff that provide care to keep them living as independently as possible for as long as possible won't be there."