

## Results From Loss Of Adult Day Care A Growing Concern

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**BERKELEY, Calif.** -- Governor Jerry Brown on Tuesday defended his veto of legislation that would have provided a funding for adult day healthcare programs and promised alternatives would be found for those who need it.

But those who work at the Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay, an adult day care center in Berkeley say they are concerned for the clients.

Michelle Pope is the executive director of Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay she doesn't see how she can keep all of the agency's three centers open. "I know one of them is going to close."

Pope says Medi-Cal provided \$76 a day to provide services to care for her clients, many of whom can't care for themselves.

She says without adult day care, some are nursing home bound.

"I know it's going to cost the state more money because many of our families are already saying we'll just take Mom to the emergency room," says Pope.

Governor Jerry Brown vetoed a bill that would have kept the centers open. He says cutting adult day health care will save money and recipients will be moved to other programs.

"Everyone will be taken care of. That is our commitment," said Brown.

But, Pope and other adult day care advocates say the state's plan is not thought out. They say that other facilities, such as expensive nursing homes are hard to find.

"No one has talked to those families to find out that's not an option for those families," said Pope.

Funding for adult day care is slated to stop in December, and advocates expect a battle in court to reverse the state's elimination of the program.