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Drop dead

ARE YOU ready for the elimination of Adult Day Health Care? And where do you expect the 37,000 medically fragile seniors and disabled in the 300-plus ADHC programs to go?

Our governor made a deal with our legislators -- to keep a scaled-down program for their votes to pass his budget. Guess what? He lied and voteoed the program. The consequences are significant.

Our safety net is already full of holes. Very few will get the services that they need to remain independent and in their homes and out of nursing homes, ER and hospitalizations. They will end up using more dollars.

Their family caregivers will have to quit their jobs to take care of them. Think of all of the staff who will lose their jobs, plus the other businesses that work with ADHC centers. More unemployed will impact everyone who lives in California.

The governor has made it very clear to California's most vulnerable population -- the poor, disabled, people of color and women -- you don't matter, so drop dead.

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