

Glendale's Daylight Adult Health Care Center to remain open

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PanARMENIAN.Net - Daylight Adult Day Health Care Center in Glendale will remain open and continue serving hundreds of low-income clients after its network reached a settlement with the state over Medi-Cal payments, Glendale News-Press reported.

Without the settlement - reached after advocates for the disabled and elderly filed a court motion this summer seeking to prevent planned funding cuts - Daylight and other centers that are part of the state's Adult Day Health Care program would have closed on Dec. 1 because they would no longer have been eligible for Medi-Cal benefits.

Daylight, which is part of a corporation with 300 facilities throughout California, had already notified state officials that it would lay off its 50 employees on Nov. 30.

The state Legislature voted last year to eliminate the current adult health-care program as an optional Medi-Cal benefit. A motion to stop the action was filed in June on behalf of the 35,000 clients who are enrolled in the program.

Daylight's program director, Karina Markosian, said the settlement reached last week lets the facility remain open until a new assistance system called Community-Based Adult Services is launched in March.

Daylight provides physical therapy, health screenings and counseling to people with dementia, heart problems and mobility issues. The large facility in the 900 block of Colorado Street is sectioned off by language - Spanish, Armenian and Thai.