



Adult Day services extended through Dec. 1

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On Thursday the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services extended the elimination date of Medi-Cal benefits for California's Adult Day Health Care services from Sept. 1 to Dec. 1.

The extension gives the state more time to prepare transition plans for ADHC patients before the current program is phased out. It also gives care-giving organizations more time to design alternative funding streams.

Meanwhile, two related bills have been sent to the governor: Assembly Bill 96, which would create a cheaper program for the neediest adults; and Senate Bill 91, which would fix a technical problem with ADHC licensing and certification, allowing care centers to continue operating without Medi-Cal certification.

Citizens can give Brown their opinion of the bills by calling 916-445-2841, faxing 916-558-3160, or visiting gov.ca.gov and clicking on "Contact."