



## VITAL PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE

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Editor: A recent article in the St. Helena Star raised awareness that, due to the financial crisis facing our state, MediCal funding for all Adult Day Health Centers will be eliminated at the end of this year.

While our Hospice services will not be affected, the lack of funding will have a direct impact on our own Adult Day Services and those we serve in Napa County. Approximately 60 percent of our ADS patients are MediCal recipients who rely on therapeutic programs to help them remain in their homes and who cannot afford these vital services on their own.

I want to inform the community that last week, our Board of Directors voted unanimously to continue operating Adult Day Services, even without government subsidies. We, along with our dedicated staff and volunteers, feel strongly that even in these challenging financial times, we have an obligation to provide these important services to our most vulnerable citizens: those with chronic conditions, including Alzheimer's, heart disease, cancer and other life-limiting illnesses.

We are extremely grateful for the ongoing support provided by this community over the years and, with your help, are committed to continuing this vital program.

Steve Silva

Board chair, Napa Valley Hospice and Adult Day Services