

200 protest cancellation of elderly care centers

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Zhujin Shao said the abolition of adult day care services so that the mobility of many elderly people like him can not enjoy a normal life. (Reporter Chen Qiaolun / photo)



More than 200 seniors in the County Administration Building A former petition, requested the retention of day care services.(Reporter Chen Qiaolun / photo)

In Alameda County, under the leadership of County Supervisor Wilma Chan and Hong Fook Adult Day Healthcare center for elderly people, more than 200 people gathered at the County Administration Building for a rally to protest against the governor's complete abolition of Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) services in the state budget. Protesters want federal Judge Armstrong to listen to public opinion and make the right decision at the November 8 hearing.

Supervisor Chan remarked to the Alameda County gathering that more than 60% of the elderly need day care services, most of the elderly are poor and do not speak English. At the adult day care centers, various ethnic, personal, and health care needs of seniors can be targeted. She cannot understand why the state doesn't want to budget for this most successful medical benefits plan.

California Assemblywoman Skinner (Nancy Skinner) pointed out that adult day healthcare services by physicians, professional nurses, nutritionists, etc., help many patients with chronic diseases and mental illness to receive flexible, high-quality medical services at only 1% of the state budget. If this service is removed, the only decision patients will have is to stay home or stay at a nursing home, with an expected increase in emergency ambulance systems, such as 911 emergency services, costing two to three times more, and also significantly reducing health care services related job opportunities. Not to mention an increasing burden on the elderly person's family members.

87-year-old Zhu Jinshao said he suffered high blood pressure, stroke and other diseases that affected his health and now, because of



Alameda County councilor Chen Huanying (the) want federal judge to listen to public opinion, so that the elderly continue to have health care services.(Reporter Chen Qiaolun / photo)

terminate December 1, and totally eliminate funding that affects the 35,000 elderly and adult patients and cuts 7000 jobs.

cerebellar degeneration and uncoordinated limbs, cannot act independently.

Family Bridges' Hong Fook Adult Day Healthcare Center addresses his needs during the day when there is no one at home who can take care of his problem. He receives good medical care during the day, and chats with other elderly participants and plays cards. At night he lives together with his family, and does not want to live in a long-term care home. If the day care center stops the service, he does not know what to do next.

Family Bridges' Chief Executive Officer, Corinne Jan, says that Family Bridges currently has two adult day care centers, a total of 435 seniors, and Zhu Jinshao's situation is the same as others, who are all worried about the loss. The agency executive says that in addition to normal work, Family Bridges is assisting the elderly to apply for alternative programs to ensure that they will receive the same quality of medical care.

According to the state's transition plan, adult day health care services in California, will