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MEDIA TELEBRIEFING THIS THURSDAY 10:30 A.M

**Adult Day Health Care Providers and Patients
Put Governor, Legislature on Notice
“We Will Not Go Down Without a Fight”**

What:

Media telebriefing to spell out in detail the travesty of the Governor's action to obliterate Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) and abandon 37,000 elderly and disabled ADHC patients and their families. Specifically, the call will address:

- Governor's May revision to the State Budget that failed to provide funding for the ADHC program.
- Inability of the Governor to recognize that no other existing programs provide community-based medical care and therapy in a coordinated and cost efficient setting for the state's elderly and disabled patients: *Not* In Home Supportive Services, Area Agencies on Aging nor nursing homes.
- Urgency for \$85 million to be appropriated to keep the ADHC infrastructure in place.
- The critical need for the passage of AB 96 (Blumenfeld) for saving this innovative and affordable program by converting it to a federal waiver program with matching funds.
- Gap in services that will occur with elimination of ADHC without a federal waiver in place.
- Severe economic and health care consequences on local communities with the loss of this model of affordable, community-based care.
- Closures of five centers to date and predicted outcomes for patients.
- Human impact, business impact.

Who:

- Lydia Missaelides, executive director, California Association for Adult Day Services
- Carmen Reimer, former director, Sierra LifeNet Adult Day Health Center, Sonora, Tuolumne County, forced to close April 30, 2011
- Sue Barnett, displaced ADHC patient, UC Berkeley graduate, former Alameda Police Department employee

When: Thursday, May 19, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (including Q and A)

How: Conference line 1-877-366-0711, passcode 40368635, enter #

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