



# Save Adult Day Health

The Patrick Administration seeks to cut \$55 million dollars from Adult Day Health programs in FY 2012 by eliminating the “Basic” Level of programs. This will result in the closure of most ADH programs state wide. The administration also proposed to cut Adult Day Health reimbursement rates by \$4 a day on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This will put some programs at risk.

## **The impact of the proposed cuts and restructuring:**

- 11,000 of the 11,500 frail elders and persons with disabilities would lose services.
- Most of the 140 programs statewide would be forced to close.
- 47% of participants are Nursing Home eligible, and an estimated 20% of these will move to Nursing Homes immediately.
- Nursing home placement alone will **increase state costs by \$130 million per year.**
- 2,500 employees will lose their jobs upon closure, (many more vendors will be affected)
- Family members will be forced to decide between leaving their job to care for their family, or to place the family member into nursing home care

## **Adult Day Health Programs provide preventative health care, assessments and ongoing medical services in a community setting.**

Adult Day Health centers save \$56,540 per person, per year by keeping participants in the community and out of nursing homes. Adult Day Health centers provide:

- Registered Nursing care
- Chronic disease management
- Medication administration and management
- Access to social workers
- Assistance with activities of daily living
- Therapies such as speech, physical, and occupational
- Two meals a day
- All for \$53.93 per day!

Adult Day Health programs are an essential part of preventive care, allowing for frail elders to “age in place” while saving the state millions of dollars.

## **Stop The Cuts, Invest In Our Communities.**

**Support full funding for Adult Day Health Programs (Line item 4000-0600)  
and oppose its restructuring in outside section 44 of the FY12 Budget.**

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