



# Napa Valley Hospice Adult Day Services

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## **AGENCY RESPONDS TO STATE BUDGET CUTS WITH CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR ADULT DAY SERVICES**

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**July 7, 2011, Napa, CA** — Napa Valley Hospice & Adult Day Services (NVHADS) announced plans today to address the crisis created last week, when Governor Jerry Brown acted to eliminate Medi-Cal funding for all 300 Adult Day Health Centers (ADHC) in the State of California.

During the State's lengthy budget process, Legislative leaders voiced their intention to maintain ADHC through a combination of State and Federal funding. However, on June 30, when the Governor signed the State budget, he unexpectedly vetoed language that would have preserved the programs.

"This cut is a tremendous blow to our participants and to our whole community," stated Linda Gibson, NVHADS President and CEO. "The Adult Day Services program cares for some of the most frail and vulnerable members of our community, including those with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Our staff and volunteers are heartsick over this development. The sad truth is that, due to the nature of their illnesses, many of our

115 participants will not be able to remain in their own homes without the support ADS provides.”

A federal law suit filed by Disability Rights California is seeking an injunction to stop the elimination of ADHC as a Medi-Cal benefit, and a ruling on that suit is expected to be handed down on July 31, 2011.

“Although we are hoping for the best, we are actively taking steps to prepare for the worst case scenario,” Gibson stated.

The agency’s efforts include:

- Working with participants and their families to prepare for the potential elimination of the program
- An aggressive campaign to educate legislators about the ultimate impact to individuals and to the community
- Working with other community agencies to address the needs of our participants and caregivers

Gibson made it clear that the possible elimination of the ADS program in no way affects the agency’s Hospice program.

Napa Valley Hospice & Adult Day Services ([www.nvhads.org](http://www.nvhads.org)) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide comprehensive services for individuals facing chronic disease or at the end-of-life, and for their families. Celebrating our 31st year, our programs have served more than 10,000 families in the Napa Valley over the past decade alone, and provide an important support service within our community.

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