

California Legislature

May 28, 2020

Dr. Joaquin Arambula
Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee # 1
State Capitol, Room 5155
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: May Budget Revision: Adult Day Health Care (ADHC)/Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS) and Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP)

Dear Dr. Arambula,

We write to request that Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1 allocate funding to maintain Adult Day Health Care (ADHC)/Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS) and Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) programs.

The ADHC/CBAS and MSSP programs are the most cost-effective, community-based alternative to skilled nursing facility care. They serve extremely vulnerable seniors and people with disabilities who are at risk of institutional placement in order to participate. These programs are an essential component of California's home and community-based services system and help the state to ensure compliance with the United States Supreme Court's *Olmstead* decision. They are a lifeline for thousands of seniors and people with disabilities; elimination of these programs will decimate community support for people who need them most, at a time when institutional placement is a deadly alternative.

During the COVID-19 crisis, ADHC/CBAS have stepped up, providing essential nursing interventions and COVID-19 assessments, social services, rehabilitative and other supports to adults with complex medical, cognitive, mental health, as well as supporting their family caregivers. Nurses, social workers, and other ADHC/CBAS health care team members have already conducted more than 324,000 COVID-19 wellness check-ins and assessments and 972,000 related interventions and in-depth services to ensure that 36,000 vulnerable seniors and 73,000 caregiving family members remain safe.

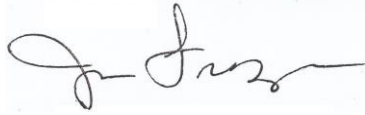
Nursing homes are not a replacement for ADHC/CBAS or MSSP participants who want to stay in their homes and in their communities. Over one-third of the COVID-19 deaths in California have been residents of skilled nursing facilities. Physical distancing remains a key component of California's COVID-19 prevention strategy. Through the ability of CBAS and MSSP programs to adapt to this reality and remain effective, they continue to serve as our state's primary alternatives to skilled nursing facility placement and institutionalization. The programs in our communities need to be intact for when participants can safely return and for when caregivers need respite and/or protective supervision for their loved one so that they can return to work.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. Please reach out to our staff members, Riana King (riana.king@asm.ca.gov) or Marc Engstrom (marc.engstrom@asm.ca.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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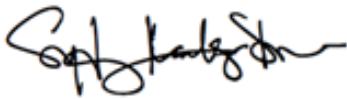
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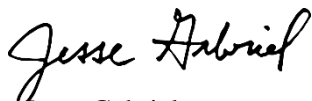
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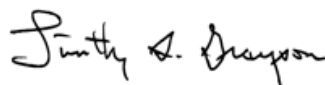
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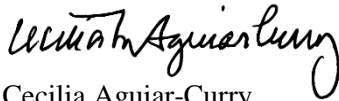
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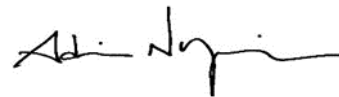
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