

Senior Services Coalition
of Alameda County

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Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814
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Re: AB 1552 - Support

Dear Governor Brown:

The Senior Services Coalition represents over 40 organizations that provide health and supportive services to over 50,000 seniors in Alameda County. We are writing to ask for your signature on AB 1552 (Lowenthal), which would place the Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS) program into state statute, ensuring that Medi-Cal coverage for Adult Day Health Care will be available for those who are eligible. This legislation would ensure continuity of care to some of California's most vulnerable citizens.

Adult Day Health Care is an important service in the system of care for seniors and persons with disabilities and in helping California implement the Supreme Court *Olmstead* decision. Key reasons why AB 1552 should be signed into law:

- 1) CBAS is a core service of the Coordinated Care Initiative and cost about 11% of skilled nursing facility services for an equivalent person;
- 2) It is consistent with the 1115 waiver agreement between the state and federal government;
- 3) Fifty-two ADHC centers have closed since 2011; those that remain need confirmation that CBAS will continue in order to keep their doors open and serve their communities;
- 4) The Legislature believes this bill is important and gave it unanimous support.

Finally, AB 1552 has no General Fund impact beyond what has already been appropriated through the state budget.

CBAS services provide essential nursing, clinical, occupational and other supports to seniors and adults with disabilities and multiple complex chronic conditions. I urge your support for this important legislation.

Sincerely,



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