

Honorable Council members,

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today. I am writing to express strong support of the County Executive's proposed 3% increase to the Medical Adult Day supplemental budget, which is vital not only to the well-being of the participants but also to their families and the broader community.

Currently, we operate seven AMDC programs in Maryland. Four of our in Montgomery County and are serving over 500 county residents. These centers employ 120 dedicated staff members, and their work extends far beyond the participants themselves — impacting countless families, caregivers, and other loved ones who rely on the services provided by ADH programs.

The essential services that AMDC programs provide allow participants to remain in their communities, living independently and with dignity, rather than being placed in much more costly care options such as assisted living or nursing homes. These programs provide an alternative that is both cost-effective and humane. By receiving the care they need in an AMDC setting, individuals with medical needs, disabilities, or chronic conditions can stay at home and continue to live as part of their community.

Additionally, AMDC programs provide invaluable support to families. These programs offer families peace of mind, knowing that their loved ones are in a safe and supportive environment, with professionals available to meet their medical, social, and emotional needs. Families can continue to work, pursue personal interests, and manage other obligations, without the constant worry about their loved ones' safety or transportation to medical appointments and medication refills.

AMDC programs also offer a comprehensive range of services that are critical to the well-being of participants. Our programs provide transportation, nursing services, nutritious meals, engaging activities, and opportunities for meaningful social interaction with peers. These services not only enhance the physical and mental health of participants but also allow them to feel valued and connected to their communities. Social interaction, in particular, is a cornerstone of our programs, as it helps combat isolation and improves mental and emotional health.

The proposed 3% increase to the Medical Adult Day supplemental budget would allow us to continue and expand these essential services. It would help to ensure that we can provide the highest level of care, maintain a safe and welcoming environment, and continue to support both the participants and their families.

In conclusion, this funding increase is an investment in the health, dignity, and independence of our most vulnerable residents. It supports families in our community and helps to alleviate the burden of care that many families face. I strongly urge you to approve this 3% increase, ensuring that we can continue to provide the high-quality, cost-effective care that our community so deeply needs.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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