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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ADULT DAY HEALTH (ADH) PROGRAMS

WHEREAS: Adult Day Health (ADH) Programs are community and site-based day programs that provide high quality health care, wellness, and support services in a structured group setting to over 13,000 seniors and adults with disabilities in Massachusetts. ADH programs provide a six-hour day for seniors, including registered nursing care, health and medication management, social and nutritional services, personal care, recreational and therapeutic activities, and door to door transportation; *and*

WHEREAS: Adult Day Health services keep seniors and adults with disabilities physically and mentally active and help prevent social isolation. There are 140 ADH programs across Massachusetts, and these programs are licensed by the Department of Public Health (DPH) and are reviewed and approved by MassHealth and other authorities; *and*

WHEREAS: In Boston, there are a number of non-profits that offer Adult Day Health Programs, such as the Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center, Rogerson Communities, Senior Place Adult Day Health, and Blue Hill Adult Day Health Center; *and*

WHEREAS: Effective July 1, 2025, MassHealth is planning to cut the Adult Day Health (ADH) reimbursement rate from the current basic level of service rate of \$106.32 a day to \$99.49 a day. The current \$106.32/day reimbursement rate, implemented in July 2023, was based on Governor Healey's recommendation to "address workforce challenges and to ensure access to day programs for eligible MassHealth members." The new rate change will have a devastating impact to ADH programs and scale back services for seniors; *and*

WHEREAS: During the COVID-19 pandemic, 35 ADH programs closed and more than 8000 people lost ADH services. With the new reimbursement rates, 24 programs reported that they are at serious risk of closure; *and*

WHEREAS: At the Massachusetts State House, Representative Thomas M. Stanley of Waltham, sponsored an amendment (Amendment #203) to current Bill H.4000, *An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions, and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements* to maintain the current ADH reimbursement rates. On April 28, 2025, Amendment #203 was adopted as part of Consolidated Amendment "B" to Bill H.4000; *and*

WHEREAS: Many of our seniors and adults with disabilities rely on the important ADH programs for physical, mental and social wellbeing. It is critical that we support Bill H.4000 to maintain the current level of reimbursement rates for ADH Programs so that our seniors can continue to access vital services; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Boston City Council supports the passage of H.4000 “*An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2026 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions, and certain activities of the commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements*”, which supports Adult Day Health Programs and maintains the current reimbursement rate of \$106.32/day for Adult Day Health services in Massachusetts.

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