April 30, 2020

Dear <<recipient>>,

As a supporter of an Indiana Adult Day Services (ADS) provider and the Indiana Association of Adult Day Services (IAADS), I want to personally thank you for past support and appeal to you to help this industry during the devastating Coronavirus pandemic.

ADS in Indiana serve many clients who are funded through Veterans Administration or Medicaid programs. All participants qualify for long-term care facilities through chronic diagnoses and disabilities such as Alzheimer’s/dementia, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, developmental disabilities, Parkinson’s and others. These participants receive support in the form of person-centered care plans, individual and group activities, nutritious meals, caregiver resources, nursing care, health monitoring, and many other services. ADS’s provide 101 activities with dignity, compassion and exceptional care and have participants home by dinner. These services help to prevent abuse to vulnerable adults, depression, caregiver burden, isolation and suicide.

The Indiana Division of Aging suspended operations for Adult Day Service centers for a minimum of 30 days, effective April 1. It is a flexible closure depending on community conditions, but before closure centers were experiencing an extreme revenue drop from decreasing census. The closure has been devastating for these businesses, staff, clients and caregivers, but Indiana has not received retainer payments to help assist adult day providers. They have an option to provide in-home care, but participant funding restraints and staffing issues mean that is largely not viable. Many of them continue to provide care without reimbursements because it is the right thing to do for the people they serve. It is an uphill battle to remain sustainable while advocating for participants and caregivers. Sustainability is not only important from a quality of life point of view, but also from a financial perspective.

The GenWorth Cost of Care 2019 survey breaks down monthly costs as:

* Long-term care — (private room), $8,517/(semi- private room), $7,513
* Homecare services — $4,051
* Assisted living — $4,051
* Adult day services — $1,625

This is a considerable savings ADS’s offer payors: private pay, Medicaid Waiver, Veterans Administration, CHOICE or private insurance. We owe it to our most vulnerable adult population to be able to offer ADS when the dust settles from the pandemic. Thank you for always advocating for those without a voice and reading my letter. I appreciate how difficult your position can be and admire your strength during this difficult time.

Humbly submitted,