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RALLY FOR INDEPENDENCE

Indiana's nationally acclaimed CHOICE home care program is facing substantial cuts that will harm the frail elderly and physically disabled who receive home care services. CHOICE enables older Hoosiers to delay or prevent permanent placement in a nursing home by providing certain home care services: help with maintaining the person's home, assisting the spouse caring for a wife or husband, assisting the adult children in caring for parents or grandparents at home and basic services as Meals on Wheels.

The Area 9 In-Home and Community Services Agency is assisting Indiana AARP with the "Rally for Independence" on March 29th to be sure state legislators do not unfairly cut CHOICE funding. More frail elderly will be forced into more costly nursing home care that could have been kept at home with a little assistance from CHOICE.

AARP is furnishing a motor coach and a box lunch for those attending the Rally for Independence. There is no cost to participate, but registration by March 22nd is needed. Opportunities to meet with your state legislators and tour the Indiana State Capital Building will be provided.

The motor coach will pick up those attending at the Area 9 Agency office in Richmond with a stop at the Western Wayne Senior Center located at the Golay Community Center in Cambridge City.

Residents of Fayette, Franklin, Rush, Union and Wayne Counties should call the Area 9 Agency at 1-800-458-9345 or 765-966-1795 for information.