

## Additional Resources on Community Paramedicine

EVALUATION | This report summarizes evaluators' findings for 13 California pilot projects in their first 16 months of operation working with 1,459 enrollees.

<http://healthforce.ucsf.edu/communityparamedicine>

RESOURCES | CHCF web page with community paramedicine (CP) resources.

<http://www.chcf.org/topics/community-paramedicine>

ISSUE BRIEF | In five pilot projects, community paramedics check in on patients recently discharged from the hospital, reducing their likelihood of readmission.

<http://www.chcf.org/publications/2017/01/community-paramedics-team-hospitals>

ISSUE BRIEF | Paramedics can help people in crisis without a ride to the emergency department (ED). Stanislaus County's community paramedics show the challenges they overcome to deliver effective mental health care.

<http://www.chcf.org/publications/2016/09/community-paramedics-stanislaus>

OVERVIEW | California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA)'s overview of 13 community paramedicine pilot projects in a dozen California locations.

[http://www.emsa.ca.gov/Community\\_Paramedicine](http://www.emsa.ca.gov/Community_Paramedicine)

REPORT | A brief history of EMS systems and paramedicine in California, a broad overview of the development of community paramedicine in other states and countries, a summary of current perspectives on CP in the state based on interviews with key stakeholders, and a discussion of the barriers to implementing CP programs in California.

<http://www.chcf.org/publications/2013/07/community-paramedicine>

REPORT | A federally sponsored meeting of more than 400 EMS officials from across the nation identified areas of consensus on important policy and practice issues and clarified the role of research in advancing CP.

[http://www.emsa.ca.gov/Media/Default/PDF/National\\_Consensus\\_Conference\\_on\\_Community%20Paramedicine\\_Summary\\_of\\_an\\_Expert%20Meeting.pdf](http://www.emsa.ca.gov/Media/Default/PDF/National_Consensus_Conference_on_Community%20Paramedicine_Summary_of_an_Expert%20Meeting.pdf)

REPORT | A National Conference of State Legislatures report on state and community strategies for expanding the primary care role of first responders.

<http://www.ncsl.org/research/health/expanding-the-primary-care-role-of-first-responder.aspx#Moving%20Forward>

BLOG POST | The Alameda Fire Department launched its community paramedicine project in 2015 with two key goals: easing unnecessary hospital readmissions and reducing 911 calls for nonemergencies — especially those that come frequently from the same patients.

<http://www.chcf.org/articles/2015/11/alamedas-new-community-paramedics>

BLOG POST | Community paramedics in a San Diego pilot project provide care and referrals to needed services like behavioral health, transportation, and housing for homeless people — without taking them to hospitals. This approach has not only proved to be lifesaving, it has also enhanced quality of life for many.

<http://www.chcf.org/articles/2016/09/community-paramedics-rescue-people>

BLOG POST | Sandra Shewry, CHCF's vice president of External Engagement, explained the foundation's support for the community paramedicine pilot projects to demonstrate how CP reduces demand for ED visits and hospital admissions.

<http://www.chcf.org/articles/2016/10/community-paramedicine-priority>

BLOG POST | When someone in Ventura County calls 911 to obtain help for a hospice patient, community paramedics work with the patient, the family, and the hospice team to care for the patient's immediate needs in the comfort of their own home.

<http://www.chcf.org/articles/2016/12/rescuing-hospice-patients>