



Community Paramedicine: Project Overview

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Working Definition of Community Paramedicine

A locally determined community-based, collaborative model of care that leverages the skills of paramedics and EMS systems to address care gaps identified through a community-specific health care needs assessment.

- New models of community-based health care that bridge primary and emergency care
- Utilizes paramedics outside their traditional emergency response and transport roles

Why Paramedics?

- Trusted and accepted by the public
- In most communities--inner city and rural
- Work in home and community-based settings
- Licensed personnel that operate under medical control as part of a system of care
- Trained to make health status assessments, recognize and manage life-threatening conditions outside of the hospital
- Always available (24 / 7 / 365)

California Statutory Definition of Paramedic Practice

HSC 1797.218 Any local EMS agency may authorize an advanced life support program which provides services utilizing EMT-P for the delivery of emergency medical care to the sick and injured at the scene of an emergency, during transport to a general acute care hospital, during inter-facility transfer, while in the emergency department of a general acute care hospital.

OSHPD Health Workforce Pilot Program (HWPP)

HSC 128125. The Legislature finds that there is a need to improve the effectiveness of health care delivery systems. One way of accomplishing that objective is to utilize health care personnel in new roles and to reallocate health tasks to better meet the health needs of the citizenry.

Original program 1972, current statute modified 1995

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HSC 128125.

...for purposes of this experimentation, a select number of publicly evaluated health workforce pilot projects should be exempt from the healing arts practices act.

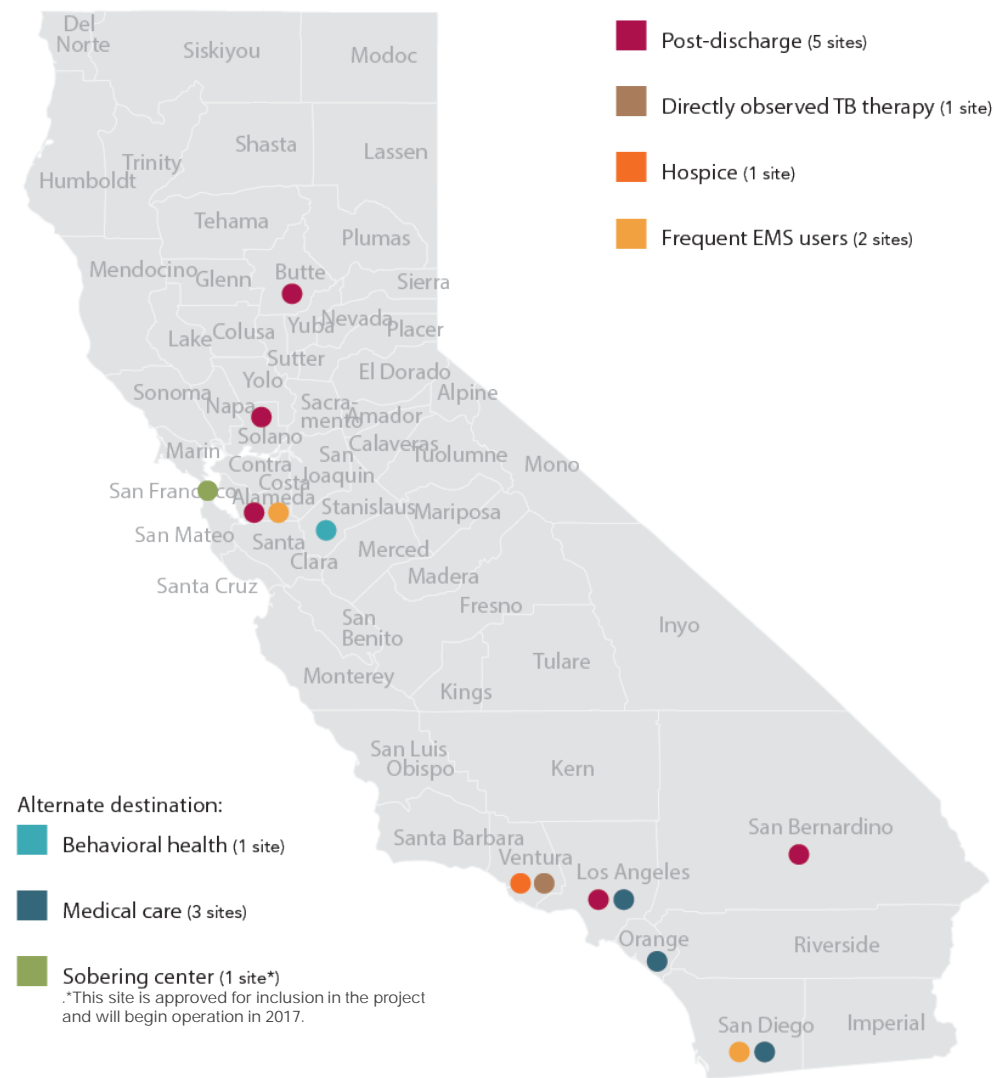
Further, it is the intent of this legislation that existing healing arts licensure laws incorporate innovations developed in approved projects that are likely to improve the effectiveness of health care delivery systems.

Requirements for CP Projects

- Collaborations and partnerships to address identified gaps in care or service delivery.
- Not intended to duplicate or compete with other health care services or providers.
- Receive additional education and training commensurate with the focus of the CP program.

Community Paramedicine Pilot Project

14 Sites, 7 Concepts



Types of CP Programs

1. Post hospital discharge short-term follow-up
2. Frequent EMS user case management
3. Directly Observed Therapy for tuberculosis, public health department collaboration
4. Hospice support
5. Alternate destination to mental health crisis center
6. Alternate destination to urgent care center

Additional Requirements from OSHPD and the Steering Group

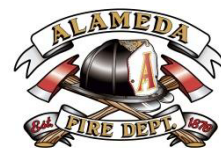
- ▶ Independent evaluator
- ▶ IRB for each project
- ▶ Patient consent (required by regulation)
 - Exempted patients who cannot consent due to mental incapacity for mental health pilot if medics have specialized training
- ▶ Six levels of oversight for patient safety
 - Immediate notification of any patient safety concerns or adverse consequences



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