

Modernizing California's Hospital Disaster Preparedness Standards — The Future of Care Delivery in the Greater Sacramento Area Hangs in the Balance

As hospitals in the Greater Sacramento area recover from the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, they face a looming building standards mandate that will divert billions of dollars from patient and community investments. After decades of work and billions already spent to make California hospitals the gold standard for structural safety, hospitals are well-prepared to respond to earthquakes or other disasters. Now, it is time for lawmakers to focus on the future of care delivery by prioritizing policies that ensure ongoing emergency services and provide hospitals time to recover from the pandemic.



Every year, at hospitals in the Greater Sacramento area:



254,782
Inpatient stays



1.1 million
ED visits



33%
Medi-Cal enrollees as a % of total population



107,089
Directly employed and 'ripple effect' jobs



\$21.3 billion
Total economic output



31,242
Births



California hospitals are struggling

39% of hospitals operate in the red

More than **\$10 billion** in losses, even after federal CARES Act funding (2020-21)

Counties of the Greater Sacramento area

Alpine
Amador
Butte
Colusa
El Dorado
Nevada
Placer
Plumas
Sacramento
Sierra
Sutter
Yolo
Yuba



Community priorities hospitals in the Greater Sacramento area would like to invest in:

- Expanded street nursing programs
- Workforce training and retention programs for nurses and allied health professionals
- Expanded primary care and specialist physician recruitment programs
- Neighborhood-based chronic disease management programs
- Expansion of outpatient and ambulatory care services
- Expansion of medical respite beds for patients experiencing homelessness
- Partnerships with community organizations to address food insecurity
- Expansion of behavioral health prevention programs



To be better prepared for future disasters, hospitals say the Greater Sacramento area needs:

- Equipment and materials necessary to rapidly construct negative pressure rooms
- Improved patient transportation and evacuation capabilities
- Expanded EMS resources