

# It's Time to Modernize California's Disaster Preparedness Standards






Hospitals are struggling

**51%** of hospitals operate in the red

California's hospitals are among the safest buildings in the world and currently well prepared to respond to earthquakes and other disasters. They will always be there for patients and workers as part of the first response to any crisis.



Let's make sure finite resources are available for the things that matter most to Californians:

-  Workforce retention and training
-  Prevention and treatment of behavioral health conditions
-  Digital infrastructure to support remote care
-  Expansion of specialized services in underserved communities
-  Initiatives to reduce health disparities



CHA has proposed a change to the 2030 seismic standards to require all hospitals to ensure emergency services are fully functional after a major earthquake.



Refocusing the 2030 standards on emergency services (and excluding, for example, buildings that house dietary services) will preserve health care delivery that would be in jeopardy if the law is not modified.

**7**  
years

As California's hospitals recover from the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, CHA has also proposed an **additional seven years** to meet these requirements.

