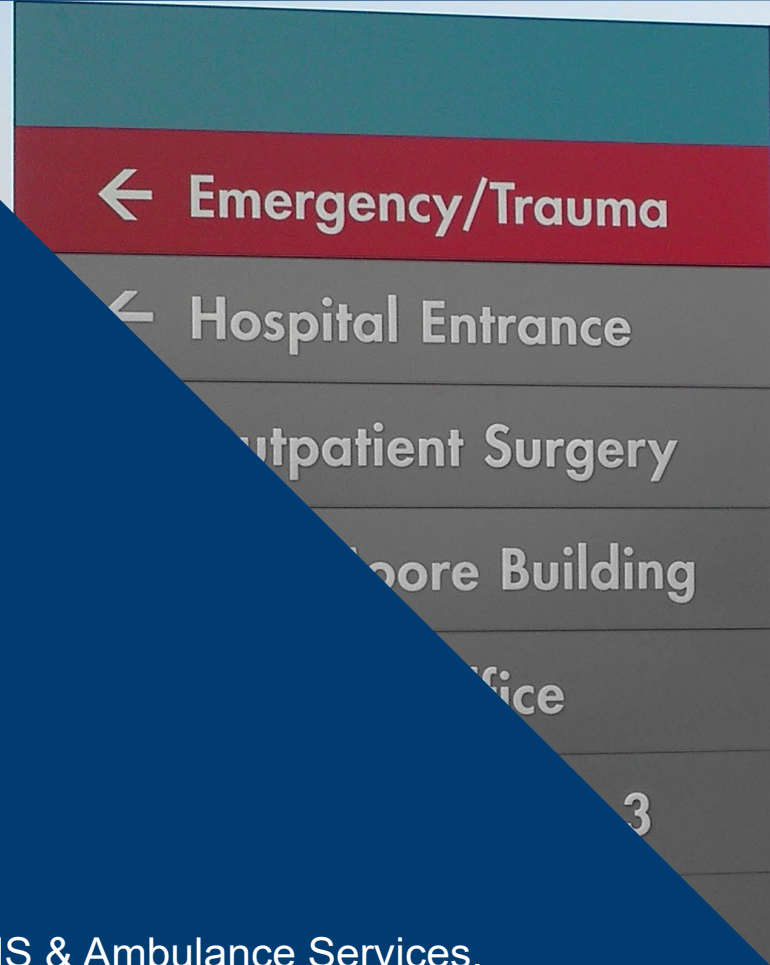


# Status of Community Paramedicine in CA: AB 1544 update

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# AB 1544 (Community Paramedicine Bill)

## Definition:

1. Alternative Destination
  1. Sobering centers
  2. BH destinations
2. Community Paramedicine
  1. Observed delivery of TB medication
  2. High Utilizer intervention

## Status

1. Signed into law 2020
2. Regs written 2021
3. Next steps: Administrative law review, Public comment, EMS commission, enacted.

## Limitations:

1. Very narrow scope
2. Sunsets
3. Ends existing CP pilot programs
4. Training / certification potentially complex / expensive / difficult

## Emergency Regulations: alternative destination

1. Proposed sending the regs for AD early to EMS commission on 9/22. Was not put on their agenda and sent back to EMSA

# Tele911

## Definition:

1. Select 911 calls
2. Specific criteria
3. Triggers a Tele-Medicine / Online medical control  
Facetime call with a physician
4. MD can provide orders, recommend follow up,  
potentially interact with KP (or other) call centers.

Status: finalizing pilot project with Cosumnes FD

## Objectives:

1. Decrease ED utilization in appropriate patients.