

# SAN DIEGO COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

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Are you familiar with the 2016 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) Report?



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# Community Health Needs Assessment Goals

- ✓ Partner with community organizations who can help hospitals and health systems delve deeper into identified health needs and social inequities.
- ✓ Ensure a value-proposition that supports the interests of community partners and creates meaningful and innovative collaborations beyond the CHNA process.
- ✓ Share findings and receive community feedback in an ongoing effort rather than every three years.

Phase 1:

## 2019 Community Engagement

- ✓ Focus groups
- ✓ Key Informant Interviews
- ✓ **Electronic survey – open now until 2/7**

Phase II begins this summer!

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# Questions & Next Steps



# **SB 1152**

California's Hospital  
Discharge Policy for  
Homeless Patients



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# Purpose of Policy

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To help prepare the homeless patient for return to the community by connecting the individual with available resources, treatment, shelter, and other supportive services

# Overview

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## What is Senate Bill 1152?

The law requires general acute hospitals, acute psychiatric hospitals, and special hospitals to:

- ✓ Establish a written process to make sure adequate post-hospital care arrangements are made for homeless patients
- ✓ Coordinate services and referrals with community partners (behavioral health, medical care, and social services agencies)
- ✓ Maintain a log of the homeless patients discharged from facilities and the post-discharge destinations of each homeless patient
- ✓ Maintain a resource list of local homeless shelters, including their operation hours and admission procedures



# SB 1152 Timeline

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Preparation

- Review current discharge planning policies & procedures
- Coordinate & communicate with community partners

January 1,  
2019

- Implement a written discharge planning policy & procedure
- Offer services to homeless patients

July 1, 2019

- Implement a written plan coordinating services and referrals with community partners
- Maintain a homeless patient log

# Effective January 1, 2019

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## (1) Implement a Written Discharge Planning Policy & Procedure

“Each hospital, as defined in subdivisions (a), (b), and (f) of Section 1250, shall include within its hospital discharge policy a written homeless patient discharge planning policy and process”

### Required Elements:

- ✓ Identify housing status
- ✓ Culturally competent
- ✓ Provide an individual discharge plan to homeless patients
- ✓ \*Identify a post-discharge destination

# **\*Identify a Post-Discharge Destination**

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- 1. Social services agency, nonprofit social services provider, etc.**
  - a) Receiving facility must agree to accept the homeless patient AND the patient must agree to the placement
  - b) the hospital must document the name of the person at the receiving facility who agreed
  - c) Hospital must send written or electronic information about the homeless patient's known post-hospital health and behavioral health care needs to receiving facility
  
- 2. Homeless patient's "residence" (his/her principle dwelling place)**
  - a) Examples: friend's house, tent, park or other area
  
- 3. An alternative destination, indicated by the homeless patient**

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## (2) Hospitals Must Offer to Provide Homeless Patients Services

“There is no requirement that the patient accept any of the services that the hospital offers. A patient may refuse any or all of the services offered. The hospital should document the offer and the refusal”

- **Example of Services**

- Physical Examination and Determination of Stability for Discharge
- Referral for Follow-up Care
- Meal
- Weather Appropriate Clothing
- Discharge Medications (if needed)

# Effective July 1, 2019

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## (1) Implement a Written Plan to Coordinate Services and Referrals with Community Partners

### Required Elements:

- ✓ A list of local homeless shelters
- ✓ Hospital's procedures for discharge referrals
- ✓ Training protocols for discharge planning staff

# Effective July 1, 2019

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## (2) Maintain a Homeless Patient Log

### Must Include:

- ✓ All homeless patients who are discharged
- ✓ Indicate if they were admitted as an inpatient or seen as an ER outpatient
- ✓ Evidence of completion of the homeless discharge protocol in the log OR in patient's medical record

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Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions!

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