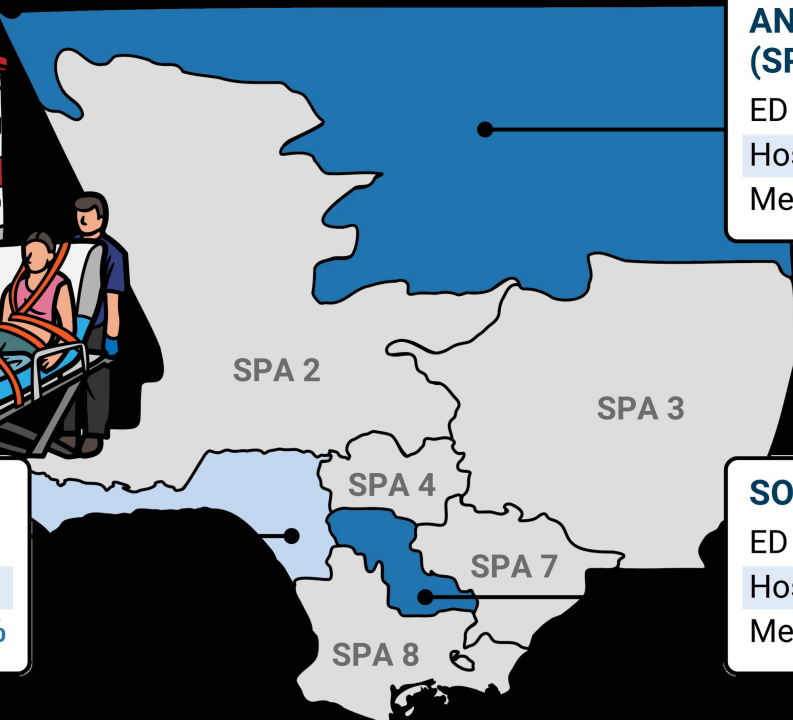
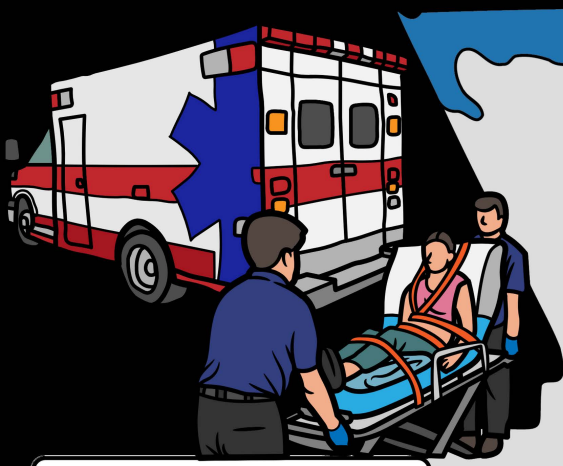


High Rates of Preventable Hospitalizations, Emergency Department Visits May Reflect Primary Care Inequities



ANTELOPE VALLEY (SPA 1)

ED visits	2,832
Hospitalizations	888
Medi-Cal	27.9%

WEST (SPA 5)



ED visits	1,544
Hospitalizations	735
Medi-Cal	10.7%

SOUTH (SPA 6)

ED visits	2,974
Hospitalizations	1,252
Medi-Cal	35.2%

	San Fernando (SPA 2)	San Gabriel (SPA 3)	Metro (SPA 4)	East (SPA 7)	South Bay (SPA 8)
ED visits					
Hospitalizations					
Medi-Cal					

To prevent costly ED visits and hospitalizations, authors recommend:

-  Improving access to primary and specialty care
-  Increasing payments for Medi-Cal providers

