

OUR MEMBERS



- Local 522 represents the professional firefighters and paramedics for Sacramento City, Sac Metro, Consumnes, Folsom, Sac Airport, West Sacramento, South Placer, and the Lincoln Fire Departments.
- Currently the Sac Regional Dispatcher are in transition to Local 522.

APOT/Wall Time Action



- Our Members saw a large increase in Wall Times
- In Sacramento, medics were held on the wall 700 times for 2+ hours
- A palpable change had taken place in the field with ambulance hospital arrivals
- Departments reacted locally, but a better plan was needed

Member Morale



- Hospital Arrivals often became an unknown waiting game
- “Does anyone even care that we are here?”
- Questions of patient responsibility
- Our inability to respond effectively

Today and AB40



- We recognize that there are other issues
- Our members and our departments solve problems
- Our members operate with reasonable standards and guidelines
- Our members are on the front line working on solutions

Today and AB40



- We believe we can collaborate and make Sacramento's EMS system better
- AB40 provides us with a starting point
- A state standard with a local effort by stakeholders will improve the system

Bigger California Picture



- This is an issue throughout the state
- CPF is our state association and works on state legislation
- Doug Subers of the CPF legislative team will provide some information about the next steps



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STATEWIDE OVERVIEW: AMBULANCE PATIENT OFFLOAD TIME/DELAY



June 2007: CDPH AFL 07-04

August 2014: Toolkit to Reduce Ambulance Patient Offload Delays

September 2015– AB 1224 (O'Donnell)

September 2018– AB 2961 (O'Donnell)

September 2020-- AB 1544 (Gipson)

December 2020– EMSA Ambulance Patient Offload Delays Report

2021-2023: Ambulance Patient Offload Delay Reports to EMS Commission



Report to Commission: Ambulance Patient Offload Delays

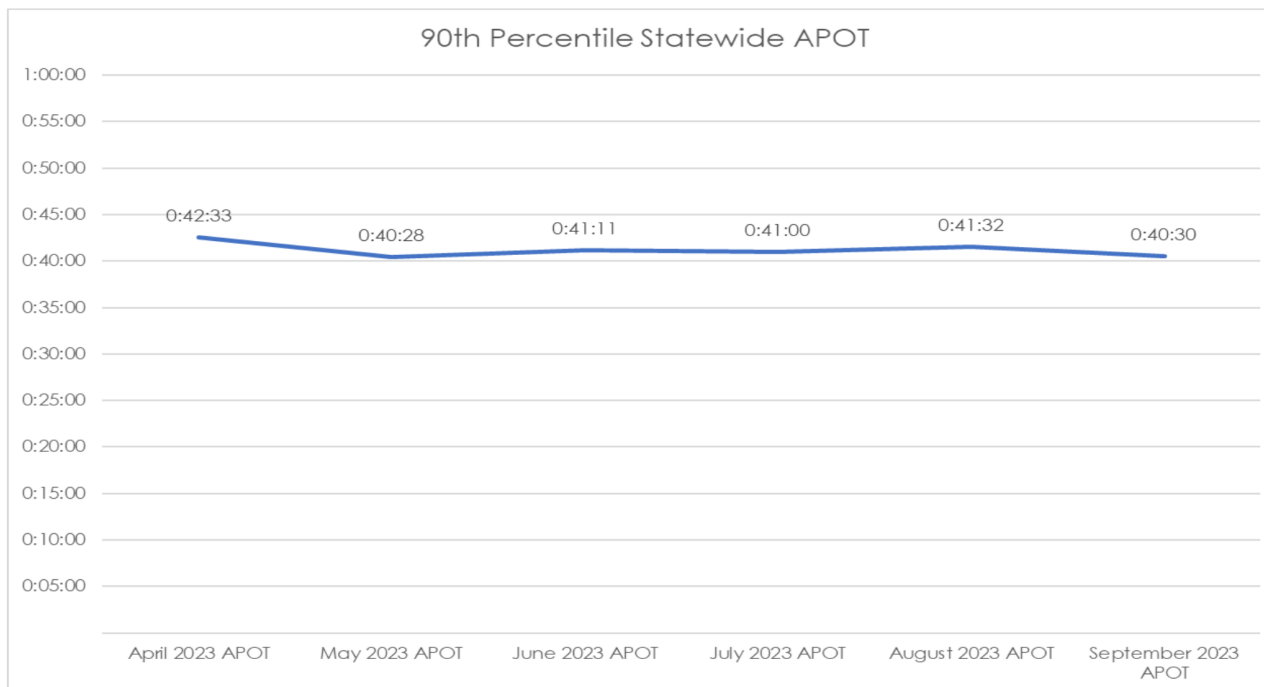
Emergency Medical Services Authority
California Health and Human Services Agency
December 2023
Elizabeth Basnett, Director





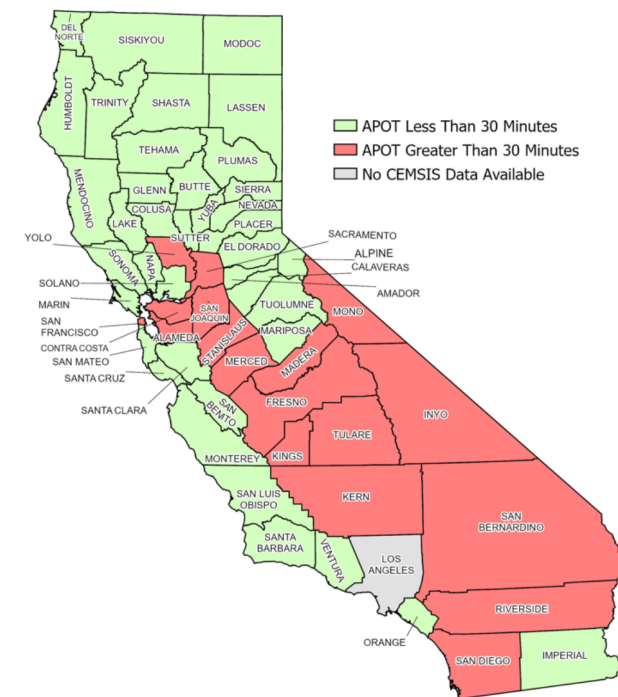
2023 DATA: AMBULANCE PATIENT OFFLOAD TIME/DELAY

CEMSIS Sourced Statewide APOT Trend Graph (April – September 2023)



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California Counties with a LEMSAs 90th Percentile APOT Greater than 30 minutes over A 6-Month Period (April – September 2023)



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AB 40 FREDDIE RODRIGUEZ D-POMONA

Emergency Medical Services – Wall Time



Requires each LEMSA to establish a standard that does not exceed 30 minutes (90% of the time) for ambulance patient offload time to address crisis of excessive wall time.

Additionally, requires hospitals to create a series of protocols to be implemented when wall times exceed this 30-minute standard, and requires EMSA to monitor monthly APOT times and take listed steps when times exceed established standard.



AB 40: IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINES

Introduced by Assembly Member Rodriguez
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Cervantes)

December 5, 2022

An act to add Sections 1797.120.5, 1797.120.6, and 1797.120.7 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to emergency services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 40, as amended, Rodriguez. Emergency medical services.

Existing law, the Emergency Medical Services System and the Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act, creates the Emergency Medical Services Authority, which is responsible for the coordination of various state activities concerning emergency medical services. Among other duties, existing law requires the authority to develop planning and implementation guidelines for EMS systems, provide technical assistance to existing agencies, counties, and cities for the purpose of developing the components of EMS systems, and receive plans for the implementation of EMS and trauma care systems from local EMS agencies. Existing law makes a violation of the act or regulations adopted pursuant to the act punishable as a misdemeanor.

- July 1, 2024– Each Local EMS Agency shall develop an APOT standard not to exceed 30 minutes, 90% of the time.
 - The local EMS agency may engage stakeholders, including hospital representatives, fire departments having jurisdiction, exclusive employee representatives of staff at hospitals, fire departments, EMS providers, if any, and others.
- September 1, 2024- Hospitals shall develop a ambulance patient offload time reduction protocol and file it with EMSA.
- December 31, 2024
 - CEMSIS requirement for electronic signature that captures times of arrival and offload to document transfer of care.
 - EMSA develop an audit tool to enhance data accuracy
 - EMSA shall monitor monthly ambulance patient offload time
 - After December 31, EMSA will direct a hospital to implement its protocol, if it exceeds the standard for the preceding month.

APOT: MOVING TOWARD A SOLUTION



- EMS Commission
- Identify opportunities to work together
- Drive collaboration
- Enhance system capacity and improve response
- Improve patient care

July 26, 2023

The Honorable Anthony Portantino
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 412
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: [AB 40](#) (Rodriguez) – Emergency Medical Services (SUPPORT – As Amended July 5, 2023)

Dear Chair Portantino:

The undersigned local affiliates of California Professional Firefighters (CPF), state council of the International

Close and Questions



- We want to work together to address this issue for the residents of Sacramento and the region.
- Questions?
- Thank you!