

## Accurate measurement in California's safety-net health systems has gaps and barriers.

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California's Medicaid [pay-for-performance program](#) requires safety-net health care systems to report and improve upon diverse [ambulatory safety measures](#). Researchers found that participating safety-net hospitals struggled to report accurate data. Systems had more success improving metrics that placed patients at risk of life-threatening harm when compared to metrics that required longer term follow-up or patient engagement.