



MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES FOR FACILITIES

The Network often receives calls from facilities that are struggling to manage patients with mental health issues. After doing some research, we found that several counties in the Network's geographic area have teams that are able to go out and evaluate patients in the field for possible transport to the hospital. Teams have legal authority per Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) 5150 and 5585 to perform evaluations for the involuntary detention of mentally disordered adults and children respectively. Please check the enclosed list for the phone number that applies to your area.

- Note that if a patient is being violent or making immediate threats, 911 should be called *immediately*.
- Each mental health response team will have a different response time depending on the number of calls received and the level of urgency.
- Teams evaluate patients to see if they meet criteria for danger to self, danger to others, or grave disability. If a patient has stable, ongoing mental health problems a referral to an outpatient mental health clinic would be more appropriate.
- If you have questions about the appropriateness of a referral, it is a good idea to call the team assigned to your area to discuss a case.
- If your facility is aware of other teams not listed, please contact the Network and they can be added to the list for future distribution.

If you have questions, please contact the Network at (323) 962-2020
Additional copies of the list are available at www.esrdnetwork18.org

Mission Statement

To provide leadership and assistance to renal dialysis and transplant facilities in a manner that supports continuous improvement in patient care, outcomes, safety and satisfaction.

MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE TEAMS

Los Angeles County	The L.A. County Department of Mental health operates several Psychiatric Mobile Response Teams 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Teams can evaluate patients in the field and determine if they require transport to a hospital. Contact the Access line at (800) 854-7771
Orange County	Orange County operates a Centralized Assessment Team that can provide psychiatric assessments to determine if a patient requires transport to a hospital in the field 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Contact the CAT Team at (866) 830-6011
San Bernardino County	San Bernardino Emergency Services currently operates a Community Crisis Response Team 24 hours day, 7 days a week for <i>children</i> and is in the process of setting up a team for adults. Currently, they can respond to limited areas of the county. Contact the Emergency Services Access Line at (888) 743-1478
San Diego County	San Diego County has a Psychiatric Emergency Response Team that is able to go out on calls with law enforcement to evaluate a patient. When calling local law enforcement, request the PERT Team.
San Luis Obispo County	SLO County has a Crisis Team that is dispatched through their mental health services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to evaluate patients in the field for possible transport to a hospital. Contact the mental health services at (805) 781-4700 and they will page a team member to respond.
Tulare County	A Psychiatric Mobile Response Team is available for Visalia only through their mental health services. To contact them, call (800) 834-7171 or (559) 723-6880.
Ventura County	Ventura County operates a Crisis Team that is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week that can evaluate patients in the field for possible transport to a hospital. They can be reached at (877) 327-4747.

Other counties should contact local law enforcement in the event of a psychiatric emergency.