

## CAL-MAT Program

The California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) is responsible for planning, preparing for and managing the disaster medical response to major disaster events in California. The CAL-MAT Program is a critical component of EMSA's capability to meet this responsibility.

CAL-MAT Units are comprised of trained professionals from a variety of medical disciplines, technical specialties, administrative competencies and others organized and coordinated for rapid field medical response in times of disaster.

CAL-MATs can be utilized in a variety of missions providing surge capacity to local governments for immunizations, mass prophylaxis, patient triage/treatment, etc.



Triage and Treatment



Contact EMSA for additional information:

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CAL-MAT Equipment Orientation.

## California Medical Assistance Teams (CAL-MAT)

**CAL-MATs close the gap between local and federal response during major disaster medical events, ensuring our disaster-prone state is not left unprotected.**

**CAL-MATs are an essential component of the EMS Authority's Mobile Medical Asset Program**



**California Emergency Medical Services Authority**

## Fast Facts

**Missions:** CAL-MATs engage in a variety of all-hazard missions. Activities include medical treatment and support, triage, nursing and medical care, dispensing medications, wild land fire medical support, patient reception and evaluation.

**Team composition:** Structured to support mission objectives. Ranges from small, rapidly deployable Medical Response Teams to large multi-disciplinary Medical Teams utilizing physicians, nurses, paramedics and other medical and technical professionals.

**Deployment duration:** Deployments may be for up to 14 days.

**Registration:** All CAL-MAT members register in the Disaster Healthcare Volunteers (DHV) System: <https://www.healthcarevolunteers.ca.gov/>



## Frequently Asked Questions

**Where are CAL-MAT Units located?** Southern California Division: Los Angeles, San Diego/Imperial, Orange County, and San Bernardino/Riverside.

Northern California Division: Sacramento, SF Bay Area, Central Valley (Planned), Redding (Planned).

**How does one join CAL-MAT?** Interested persons should go to the EMSA website. They must register in the DHV system and also submit a completed registration packet. Priority consid-



eration may be given to individuals already associated with a federal Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT). Background and reference checks may be required. Accepted applicants are formally assigned to a CAL-MAT Unit as a candidate for membership. They will have a probation period during which they will be expected to attend unit meetings, activities and trainings.

**Who may join a CAL-MAT?** CAL-MATs utilize both clinical and non-clinical personnel. In addition to needing specific clinical capabilities (physicians, nurses, medical techs, etc.), persons with skills in Information Technologies, logistics, law enforcement/security, social services, etc., are also highly desirable.

**What type of settings might a Team operate in?** Teams might operate in disaster triage sites, field treatment sites, clinics, hospitals, and other medical/hospital care systems providing first aid, triage, treatment, other medical care, immunizations, or prescribing and dispensing medications.

**What equipment does the Team have?** EMSA has medical supply caches and emergency response vehicles to support CAL-MAT training and deployment.

