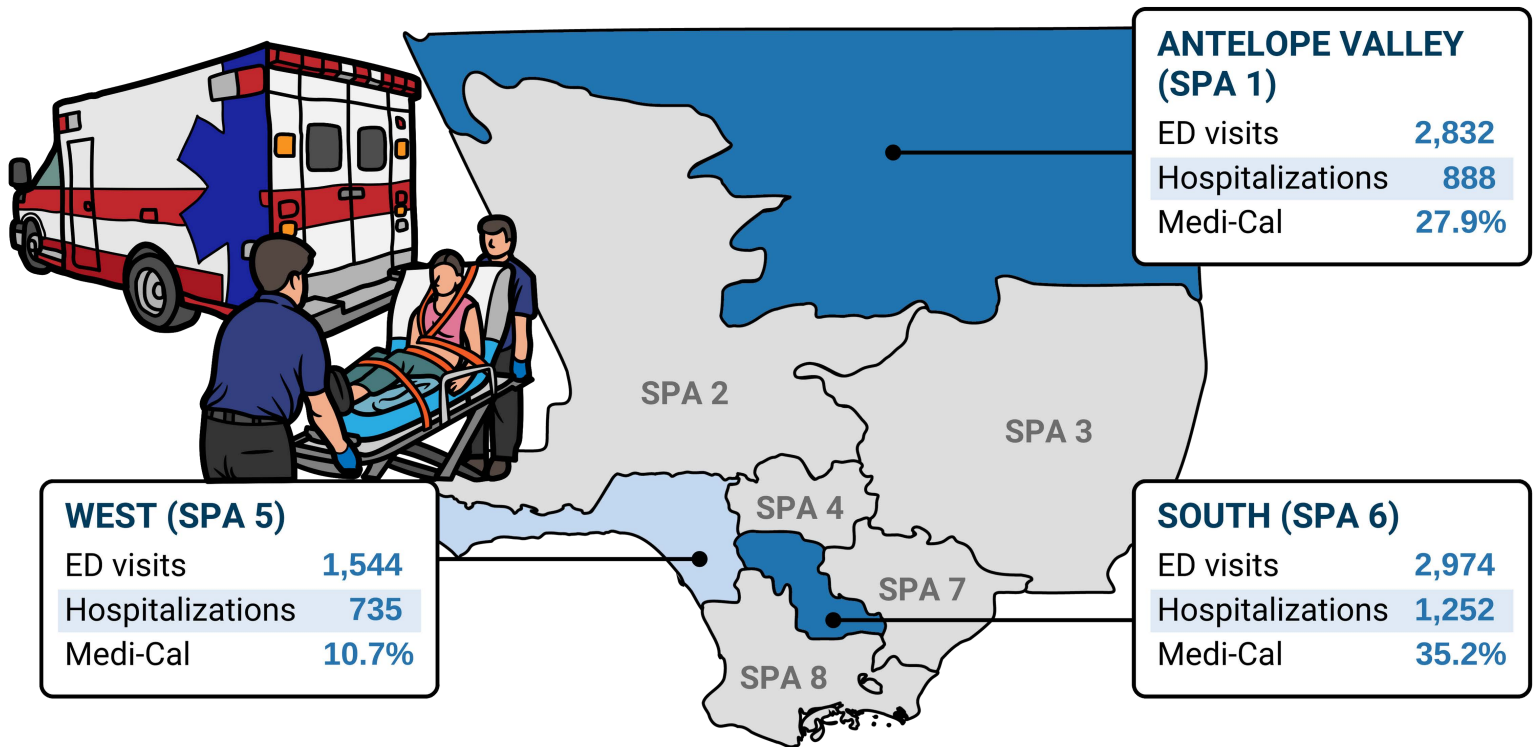




# High Rates of Preventable Hospitalizations, Emergency Department Visits May Reflect Primary Care Inequities

A new UCLA CHPR brief reports that South and North Los Angeles have the highest rates of preventable hospitalization and emergency department (ED) visits – as well as the highest percentages of Medi-Cal patients – of all regions in L.A. County. Rates shown are per 100,000 population.



	San Fernando (SPA 2)	San Gabriel (SPA 3)	Metro (SPA 4)	East (SPA 7)	South Bay (SPA 8)
<b>ED visits</b>	1,733	1,756	1,787	1,796	1,833
<b>Hospitalizations</b>	767	792	840	785	866
<b>Medi-Cal</b>	19.5%	20.3%	25.4%	22.3%	20.4%

**To prevent costly ED visits and hospitalizations, authors recommend:**

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



Source: 2016–2021 Los Angeles County Hospital Patient Discharge data and 2016–2021 California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) data

Read the policy brief at: <https://ucla.in/4apR66A>