A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying the feasibility
and desirability of implementing a community health worker program, including
recommendations regarding a definition of a community health worker, the scope of work of a
community health worker, the infrastructure for training of community health workers, the
development of a community health worker certification process and related training curriculum
and continuing education requirements, a strategy for community health worker services being
Medicaid-reimbursed services, and private insurers' use of community health workers.

WHEREAS, community health workers serve as a connection between health care
professionals' care and patients' home-based implementation of that care; and

WHEREAS, utilization of community health workers is an evidence-based approach to
chronic disease prevention and management; and

WHEREAS, utilization of community health workers has been evidenced to reduce
nonemergent utilization of emergency and specialty services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Legislative Management consider studying the feasibility and desirability of
implementing a community health worker program, including recommendations regarding a
definition of a community health worker, the scope of work of a community health worker, the
infrastructure for training of community health workers, the development of a community health
worker certification process and related training curriculum and continuing education
requirements, a strategy for community health worker services being Medicaid-reimbursed
services, and private insurers' use of community health workers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and
recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly.