

Introduced by

Legislative Management  
(Health Care Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 43 of the North Dakota Century  
2 Code, relating to the regulation of community health workers; to provide for a community health  
3 worker task force; to provide ~~for a~~ statement of legislative management report ~~intent~~; to provide  
4 for a report to the legislative assembly; and to provide an appropriation.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1.** A new chapter to title 43 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and  
7 enacted as follows:

8 **Definitions.**

9 As used in this chapter:

10 1. "Community health worker" means an individual certified under this chapter.

11 2. "Department" means the department of health and human services.

12 **Title - Prohibition**

13 An individual may not use the title "community health worker" unless that individual is  
14 certified as a community health worker under this chapter.

15 **Certification.**

16 1. The department shall establish certification standards for an applicant seeking  
17 certification as a community health worker.

18 2. In implementing this section, the department may:

19 a. Adopt rules;

20 b. Charge a fee for certification and recertification;

21 c. Contract with a third party; and

22 d. Require an applicant to meet education and experience requirements.

23 **SECTION 2. COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER TASK FORCE - REPORT TO**  
24 **LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.**

- 1           1.    During the 2023-24 interim, the department of health and human services shall  
2                    establish and provide staffing and administrative services to a community health  
3                    worker task force.
- 4           2.    The membership of the community health worker task force appointed by the  
5                    department of health and human services must include representatives of the:
- 6                    a.    Department of health and human services, including the division of health equity  
7                                and division of aging services;
- 8                    b.    Department of career and technical education;
- 9                    c.    ~~Department of public instruction;~~
- 10                  ~~d.    State board of higher education;~~
- 11                  e.d. Insurance department;
- 12                  ~~e.    University of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences center for~~  
13                                rural health;
- 14                    f.    University of North Dakota and North Dakota state university schools of public  
15                                health;
- 16                    g.    ~~Health insurance sector~~Private health insurers operating in the state;
- 17                    h.    Health care sector, including qualified service providers, community health  
18                                workers, and community health representatives;~~and~~
- 19                    i.    Tribal nations in the state;
- 20                  ~~j.    A statewide association representing hospitals in this state;~~
- 21                  ~~k.    Federally qualified health care centers;~~
- 22                  ~~l.    North Dakota assistive; and~~
- 23                  ~~m.    North Dakota emergency medical services association.~~
- 24           3.    During the 2023-24 interim, the community health worker task force, in collaboration  
25                    with the department of health and human services, shall:
- 26                    a.    Develop a data-driven plan for community health worker scope of work,  
27                                education and training, certification and regulation, ~~and~~ medical assistance  
28                                reimbursement, and a North Dakota community health worker collaborative.
- 29                    b.    ~~Provide periodic status reports to the legislative management~~Develop a plan for a  
30                                North Dakota community health worker collaborative.

1 c. ~~Prepare a bill draft to implement the community health worker plan~~Provide to the  
2 department of health and human services a proposal for a Medicaid state plan  
3 amendment or waiver to include community health workers.

4 d. Provide the department of health and human services proposed administrative  
5 rules for the community health worker scope of work, education and training,  
6 certification and regulation, medical assistance reimbursement, and a North  
7 Dakota community health worker collaborative.

8 e. Collaborate with existing clinical, public health, home, and community based  
9 service systems.

10 ~~4. The department of health and human services shall request introduction of the~~  
11 ~~community health worker task force bill draft to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.~~

12 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES -**  
13 **COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER TASK FORCE.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in  
14 the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ~~\$75,000~~\$50,000,  
15 or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of health and human services  
16 for the purpose of contracting with a third party to assist the community health worker task force  
17 with data collection ~~and~~, meeting facilitation, and report development for the biennium beginning  
18 July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.