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BECOME A CERTIFIED COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER

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Statewide certification is now available in Illinois for Community Health Workers (CHWs). This certification will advance the important work CHWs do to support a stronger, healthier public health workforce.

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What Is CHW Certification?

CHW certification is a formal way for Illinois to recognize Community Health Workers and establish consistent standards across the state.

Certification will help:

- Recognize CHWs' skills, experience, and training
- Support workforce development and career pathways
- Strengthen the role of CHWs within health and community systems
- Increase employers' ability to bill for and receive reimbursement for CHW services

Who Will Certification Be For?

The certification process was being developed for

- Current Community Health Workers
- Individuals interested in becoming a CHW

Why This Matters

CHWs play a critical role in:

- Connecting people to health care and social services
- Reducing barriers to care
- Building trust between communities and systems

Certification will help ensure this vital workforce is supported, recognized, and strengthened statewide.

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