



BECOME A CERTIFIED COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER

Coming Soon to Illinois

Illinois is preparing a statewide certification process for Community Health Workers (CHWs). This certification will advance the important work CHWs do to support a stronger, healthier public health workforce.



Learn more about CHW certification and next steps:

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What Is CHW Certification?

Once implemented, CHW certification will be a formal way for Illinois to recognize Community Health Workers and establish consistent standards across the state.

Once implemented, certification is expected to:

- 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 is being developed for:

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

Details about eligibility, training, and timelines are still being finalized.

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.