

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Health Care Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a community health worker task force; to provide for a legislative
2 management report; and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER TASK FORCE - REPORT TO**
5 **LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.**

6 1. During the 2023-24 interim, the department of health and human services shall
7 establish and provide staffing and administrative services to a community health
8 worker task force.

9 2. The membership of the community health worker task force appointed by the
10 department of health and human services must include representatives of the:

11 a. Department of health and human services, including the division of health equity;

12 b. Department of career and technical education;

13 c. Department of public instruction;

14 d. State board of higher education;

15 e. University of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences center for
16 rural health;

17 f. University of North Dakota and North Dakota state university schools of public
18 health;

19 g. Health insurance sector;

20 h. Health care sector, including qualified service providers; and

21 i. Tribal nations in the state.

22 3. During the 2023-24 interim, the community health worker task force shall:

23 a. Develop a data-driven plan for community health worker education and training,
24 regulation, and medical assistance reimbursement.

- 1 b. Provide periodic status reports to the legislative management.
- 2 c. Prepare a bill draft to implement the community health worker plan.
- 3 4. The department of health and human services shall request introduction of the
- 4 community health worker task force bill draft to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

5 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES -**

6 **COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER TASK FORCE.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in
7 the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$75,000, or so
8 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of health and human services for the
9 purpose of contracting with a third party to assist the community health worker task force with
10 data collection and meeting facilitation, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending
11 June 30, 2025.