

Sixty-eighth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1028

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 a statement of legislative intent; to provide for a report to the  
4 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.**

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- 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.    State board of higher education;
- 10                   d.    Insurance department;
- 11                   e.    University of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences center for
- 12                            rural health;
- 13                   f.    University of North Dakota and North Dakota state university schools of public
- 14                            health;
- 15                   g.    Private health insurers operating in the state;
- 16                   h.    Health care sector, including qualified service providers, community health
- 17                            workers, and community health representatives;
- 18                   i.    Tribal nations in the state;
- 19                   j.    A statewide association representing hospitals in this state;
- 20                   k.    Federally qualified health care centers;
- 21                   l.    North Dakota assistive; and
- 22                   m.   North Dakota emergency medical services association.
- 23           3.    During the 2023-24 interim, the community health worker task force, in collaboration
- 24                    with the department of health and human services, shall:
- 25                    a.    Develop a data-driven plan for community health worker scope of work,
- 26                            education and training, certification and regulation, and medical assistance
- 27                            reimbursement, and a North Dakota community health worker collaborative.
- 28                    b.    Develop a plan for a North Dakota community health worker collaborative.
- 29                    c.    Provide to the department of health and human services a proposal for a
- 30                            Medicaid state plan amendment or waiver to include community health workers.

- 1           d. Provide the department of health and human services proposed administrative  
2           rules for the community health worker scope of work, education and training,  
3           certification and regulation, medical assistance reimbursement, and a North  
4           Dakota community health worker collaborative
- 5           e. Collaborate with existing clinical, public health, home, and community based  
6           service systems.

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