

Advantages of hiring a Community Health Worker (CHW) for your CAHC

In the recent finding from the 2022 national census of School Based Health Centers, almost all SBHCs support clients and their families in obtaining services related to their social needs (90%, n=1,375).

- Licensed staff are supported by the CHW with care management and social determinates of health to operate to their full potential and within the extent of their expertise.
- Medicaid reimbursement will provide the necessary funding for your health center to continue employing Community Health Workers (CHWs).
- A Community Health Worker (CHW) can provide support in the recruitment, planning, organization, and facilitation of your Community Advisory Council, as required by the MDHHS CAHC grant. Due to the origin of community health workers from the community, they possess an extensive network of stakeholders whom they can efficiently engage in the coordination and involvement within the Community Advisory Committee (CAC).
- A Community Health Worker (CHW) can offer Medicaid outreach services, as well as track Medicaid outreach efforts and help with Medicaid enrollment as mandated by the funding provided by the MDHHS CAHC grant funding.
- A Community Health Worker (CHW) can provide support for follow-up on missed appointments, referrals to additional services, social determinates of health resources/referrals, health education, patient recruitment for health centers, organizing health center events, and representing the health center at community and school gatherings.

