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- **■Title 63. Public Health and Safety**
- € Chapter 42 Oklahoma Community Social Service Centers Act
  - - Section 2063a Short Title

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This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Community Health Worker Act".

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- ■Title 63. Public Health and Safety
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  - ESection 2063b Definitions

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As used in the Oklahoma Community Health Worker Act:

- 1. "Certified community health worker" means a community health worker to whom the State Department of Health has issued a certificate to practice as a certified community health worker in this state;
- 2. "Community health worker" means a frontline health worker who has a shared understanding of and is a trusted member of the community being served; and
- 3. "Department" means the State Department of Health.

### Historical Data

Laws 2025, SB 424, c. 349, § 2, eff. November 1, 2025.



- ➡Title 63. Public Health and Safety
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  - ESection 2063c Certified Community Health Worker Functions

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- A. The State Department of Health shall establish a certificate for community health workers. This certification shall be voluntary.
- B. A certified community health worker may:
- 1. Serve as a liaison between health and social services and the community to facilitate access to services, to improve the quality of service delivery, and to maximize the efficiency of service delivery by coordinating available resources and leveraging partnerships with private, nonprofit, or faith-based organizations;
- 2. Assist individuals in attaining employment, education, occupational training, or other means of supporting employment and promoting self-sufficiency;
- 3. Assist in identifying and communicating gaps in current community and health care resources; and
- 4. Build individual and community capacity by increasing health knowledge and self-sufficiency through a range of activities such as outreach, community education, coaching, mentoring, social support, and advocacy, including efforts within faith-based settings.
- C. In carrying out the functions described in paragraph 1 of subsection B of this section, community health workers shall emphasize available resources of private, nonprofit, or faith-based organizations, and shall not rely solely on public assistance programs for delivery of services.

#### Historical Data

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- ■Title 63. Public Health and Safety
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  - ESection 2063d Community Health Worker Eligibility

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To be eligible for voluntary community health worker certification, an individual shall:

- 1. Be a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident;
- 2. Be a resident of this state;
- 3. Be at least eighteen (18) years of age; and
- 4. Meet the minimum qualifications for certification promulgated by the State Commissioner of Health under Section 5 of this act.

### Historical Data

Laws 2025, SB 424, c. 349, § 4, eff. November 1, 2025.



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Section 2063e - Promulgation of Rules

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The State Commissioner of Health shall promulgate rules necessary to implement this act including, but not limited to, rules that:

- 1. Adopt a set of standards for the approval of certified community health worker initial coursework or curriculum;
- 2. Establish examination administration requirements for the State Department of Health or one or more designees;
- 3. Define minimum qualifications for applicants to be certified; provided, however, the applicant shall be exempt from any educational, training, or examination requirements if the applicant has provided evidence to the State Department of Health of work experience as a community health worker demonstrating a minimum of one thousand (1,000) practical hours and a recommendation from a supervising provider;
- 4. Establish the criteria for granting, renewing, denying, suspending, and revoking a certificate to uphold health standards and safety;
- 5. Prescribe fees for the certified community health worker examination, initial certification, and certification renewal; and
- 6. Implement oversight procedures to ensure compliance with the provisions of this act, including a complaint and disciplinary process for violations.

### Historical Data

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