



AzCHOW

Arizona Community Health Workers Association

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**OF, BY, & FOR
COMMUNITY HEALTH
WORKERS**

Addiction Treatment Specialists
Assister
Advocates
Behavioral Health Specialist/
Promotora
Border Health Specialist
Case Worker
Clinical Liaison
Community Health Advisor
Community Health Advocate
Community Health Aide
Community Health Educator
Community Health Representative
Community Health Specialist
Community Health and Outreach Worker
Developmental Disability Specialist
Diabetes Educator /Counselor
Eligibility Worker
Family Support Worker
Health Advisor
Health Care Coordinator
Health Aide
Health Liaison
Health Specialist
Health Systems Navigator
HIV/AIDS Educator
HIV/STD Prevention Counselor
Housing Aides
Maternal/Child Health Specialist
Mental Health Aide
Mentor
Migrant Health Specialist
Navigator
Nutrition Educator
Peer Counselor
Peer Educator
Promotor/Promotora
Public Health Advisor
Public Health Aide
Social Worker Assistant
Substance Abuse Specialists
Women's Health Specialist
... and many, many, more!

Senator Andy Biggs
Senate President
Arizona State Senate

Representative David Gowan
Speaker of the House
Arizona House of Representatives

1700 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear President Biggs & Speaker Gowan,

Pursuant to section 32-3105, Arizona Revised Statutes, the Arizona Community Health Worker Association (AzCHOW) hereby submits the attached report requesting voluntary certification and standardization of practice for the profession of Community Health Workers (CHWs).

This proposal would request a modification to these statutes to:

- Establish voluntary certification among CHWs to allow for increased protection of patients and community members working with CHWs in their home or health care environments.
- Implement a CHW certification board to review training program curricula that target CHW Core Competencies and encourage a uniformly educated CHW workforce. Certification will help to more adequately inform community members and healthcare employers of CHWs profession status and skill set.

The proposed report is not requesting licensure of CHWs as the scope of practice for CHWs does not warrant a licensing process. The Arizona Community Health Worker Association is continuing to collaborate with community and state health insurance stakeholders on this proposal with the intention of addressing questions, issues, and/or concerns prior to the introduction of legislation. We respectfully request a favorable review of this application.

Sincerely,

Floribella Redondo

Floribella Redondo,
President
Arizona Community Health Workers Association