MI Medicaid Community Health Worker Registry Application Guide
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**MI Medicaid CHW Registry**

The MI Medicaid CHW Registry is a database of Community Health Workers (CHWs) who have met qualification criteria required to provide CHW services to Medicaid beneficiaries in Michigan. Individuals can become certified CHWs through either the CHW Training Program Pathway or the Work Experience Pathway. Before registration with the Community Health Automated Medicaid Processing System (CHAMPS) for Michigan Medicaid reimbursement, a CHW must be verified and added to the MI Medicaid CHW Registry.

To qualify to deliver Medicaid-reimbursable CHW services, an individual must meet the following criteria:

1. Be 18 years of age or older;
2. Possess at least a high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma/certification;
3. Meet the CHW Training Program Pathway or the Work Experience Pathway criteria;
4. Successfully complete an application to the MI Medicaid CHW Registry and be listed in good standing on the MI Medicaid CHW Registry*; and
5. Complete Medicaid provider enrollment through the Community Health Automated Processing System (CHAMPS).

*This guidance document is designed to assist with the application to the MI Medicaid CHW Registry. Please note that completing the application process to the MI Medicaid CHW Registry and being approved to be added to the MI Medicaid CHW Registry must occur prior to provider enrollment through CHAMPS.

**Step-by-step Instructions for Completing an Application to the MI Medicaid CHW Registry.**

**Step I: Acquire a NPI**
You must have a (Type 1) National Provider Identifier (NPI) as a Rendering/Servicing-Only Provider to complete your application through the MI Medicaid CHW Registry (instructions can be found on the National Plan & Provider Enumeration System webpage: [https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/](https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/))

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1. Follow the instructions to create an account. Once your account is created, sign in to your NPPES account
   a. If you already have an NPPES account, you may log in to your existing account.
2. Follow [the instructions](https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/) for “Initial Application for Myself – Type 1”
3. For “Business Practice Location” use the information for the workplace or business you intend to deliver Medicaid CHW services through, and select the primary location. (You may need assistance from your employer or business to complete this section).

4. Under “Taxonomy” add “Community Health Worker” Code: 172V00000X (Found under “Individual or Groups” > “Other Service Providers” > “Community Health Worker”)

5. Once all information is entered, the system will run an error check. When all fields are completed and show in green, you are ready to submit your NPI application. Be sure to save or print the submission confirmation page.

6. You will receive your NPI number from NPPES through the contact information you provided in your NPI application.

Step II: Gather Necessary Documents and Information
Before starting, ensure you have all the necessary information available to complete the MI Medicaid CHW Registry Application. Here is a list of the information and documents will need to have:

- Full Name
- Date of birth
- Contact information and mailing address
- Social Security Number
- Year High School diploma or GED completed
- Individual (Type 1) National Provider Identifier (NPI) as a Rendering/Servicing-Only Provider (See instructions above in Step I)
- Training program information (date of completion, name of training program provider)

Step III: Complete the Application
1. Go to the MI Medicaid CHW Registry webpage
Go to the MICHWA MI Medicaid CHW Registry homepage and follow the step-by-step instructions for completing an Application to the MI Medicaid CHW registry. Under “Step 3: Complete the Application”, you will find the application link.

Step-by-Step Instructions for Completing an Application to the MI Medicaid CHW Registry:

1. Acquire a National Provider Identifier (NPI)
2. Gather necessary documents and information
3. Complete the application

Go to the MI Community Health Worker Medicaid Registry online application and click on “Start Now” to complete your application.

To begin your application, click on “Start Now”
2. **Start Application**
   Carefully review the start page information for instructions on how to complete the application and the information you will need to have available to complete the online application. This application may not allow saving information over multiple sessions before submission. Please ensure you have all the necessary information available before starting your application, which includes:

   - Full Name
   - Date of birth
   - Contact information and mailing address
   - Social Security Number
   - Year High School diploma or GED was completed
   - Individual (Type 1) National Provider Identifier (NPI) as a Rendering/Servicing-Only Provider (See instructions in Step I)
   - Training program information (date of completion, name of training program provider)

When you are ready, click “Next” to begin.

**Application Help**

If you have any issues with the electronic application or need assistance with your application, contact the CHWRegistryHelp@mpca.net or call 1-517-381-8000 and select the option for “Help with MI Medicaid CHW Registry Applications”

**NOTE – The question numbers that appear in this guide may vary from the question number in your live application. The number of questions may vary depending on your answer choices.**
3. **Enter your personal information.** You must provide your name, date of birth, nine-digit social security number, and ten-digit NPI number. These elements are required in order for your application to be reviewed or successfully approved.
If you do not have an NPI number, you will need to stop and acquire one. See Step 1.

You may also provide additional information, such as your race and ethnicity, gender, pronouns, and primary language. This information is not required or used as criteria in your application.
review. If you do not wish to share personal information for any of these questions, just select “decline to answer”. There is no penalty to your application if you decline to share this information about yourself.

When you have selected a response option for each question, click “Next” to save your information and move to the next section.

4. Address and Contact Information
In this section, you must provide a primary address and contact information.

**Primary Address and Contact Information:** Please remember that the information you provide will be used to contact you regarding your application, your status on the registry, and any actions needed to maintain your good standing. You can use your home, business, or work address, but it is highly recommended that you choose the information that is least likely to change. Please note that if you decide to use an employer address or contact information such as a work email or phone number, you may not be able to receive communications from us should you leave that employer later on.

You may also provide a secondary address or contact (optional). If you wish to provide secondary contact information, click “Yes”. If you do not, click “no”.

**Secondary Address and Contact Information:** This information will be kept on file and used only as a backup to your primary contact if we cannot reach you using the primary address and contact information you provided. If you are using an employer address or contact information as your primary contact, we highly recommend providing secondary contact information.

After entering your primary address and contact information, and optional secondary contact information, click “Next” to proceed with your application.
5. **Qualification Criteria**

A high school diploma or general education development (GED) is required to qualify as an eligible Medicaid provider of CHW services in Michigan. Response to this question is required to proceed with your application.

If you do not have a GED or High school diploma click “no”. This will end your application, as you will not meet the eligibility criteria to provide services under the Medicaid Coverage of Community Health Worker (CHW)/Community Health Representative (CHR) Services policy MMP 23-74.
If you do have a high school diploma or GED, click “yes”. By clicking “Yes” you are attesting that you have acquired your high school diploma or GED. A high school diploma or GED is required to be eligible to provide Medicaid CHW services.

You will then be asked to specify what year your diploma or GED was received and provide information about any additional education you may have completed.
After you have responded to the education questions in the Qualification Criteria, click “Next” to move on to the next module.

6. **Training Program and Work Experience Pathways**

To be added to the MI Medicaid CHW registry, you must complete an MDHHS-approved CHW training program or CHR training or otherwise meet the *Training Program Pathway* criteria by December 31, 2025, to maintain your eligibility to continue delivery of CHW services for Medicaid reimbursement.

During the initial 24 months of the policy implementation (from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2025), an individual who does not meet the CHW Training Program Pathway qualifications will be permitted to temporarily deliver CHW services and seek reimbursement if the individual meets the *Work Experience Pathway* criteria.
What is an MDHHS Approved CHW Training Program?

Several organizations offer quality Community Health Worker training programs that provide foundational skills and knowledge and may also prepare students for state or national certification standards. To meet Training Program criteria set out by MDHHS policy MMP 23-74, training programs must provide adequate instructional content aligned with The Community Health Worker Core Consensus Project (https://www.c3project.org/). A complete list of the these competencies are included in Appendix B of this application guide. For CHRs, the Indian Health Services provides the approved Community Health Representative E-Learning modules through their website https://www.ihs.gov/chr/chrtraining/, or you can contact your IHS CHR Area Office Consultant for more information.

MDHHS's delegated registry partners will continuously review CHW training programs submitted with applications and assess each program to ensure it meets instructional content criteria. As programs are approved, MDHHS will produce a list of approved CHW training programs that have been verified to meet the Training Program Pathway criteria.

In this section, you can submit information about your training program and/or work experience to be considered as part of your application. You may choose to provide only your training program information, only work experience information, or both. To be added to the MI Medicaid CHW Registry, you must provide information that meets either the Training Program or Work Experience pathway criteria.

Note: Work Experience qualifications alone will only enable temporary eligibility to deliver CHW services for reimbursement. You must demonstrate completion of an approved training before December 31, 2025, to remain eligible to deliver CHW services for reimbursement through Medicaid.

7. Training Program Pathway

Based on your response to the question: (Have you ever completed a Community Health Worker or Community Health Representative Training?) you will be prompted to provide supportive information.
29. Have you completed any Community Health Worker (CHW) or Community Health Representative (CHR) Training? *

- Yes - I have completed a community health worker (CHW) training program
- Yes - I have completed a Community Health Representative (CHR) Training through the Indian Health Service.
- No - I have not completed a CHW or CHR training program.

**a. If you click “No – I have not completed a CHW or CHR training program” You will proceed to Step 8 Work Experience Pathway**

**b. If you click “Yes, I have completed a CHW training program,” You will then be prompted to provide information regarding the CHW training program. You will need to have ready:**

- Name of the Training Program
- Name of the organization the training program was provided through (Training Program Provider)
- Four-digit year training program was completed
c. If you click “Yes, I have completed a CHR Training through the Indian Health Service”:
You will then be prompted to provide information regarding your completed CHR Training modules. You may select more than one CHR Training module to represent all of the training you have completed.

If you do not see your E-Learning module or other IHS CHR Training listed, select “other” and provide the title of the training you wish to provide information for.
d. **Instruction for submitting training program information**: If you selected “Yes” to completing a CHW or CHR Training Program, you will arrive at this page. **Read these instructions carefully.** Your application will not proceed in the review process until you have provided the necessary training program completion documentation.

After you have thoroughly reviewed this information, Click the attestation statement to confirm you understand that for review of your application to proceed, you must provide the necessary supportive documents within 30 days of submitting the application.

e. **Next you will be offered the option to provide work experience information in addition to your training program information.** If you have already provided training program information, it may not be necessary to provide work experience. However, you may opt to submit information through the Work Experience Pathway in addition to your Training Program Pathway if you are concerned that your training program does not meet the policy criteria and would not be approved. By submitting work experience, you may be eligible for temporary approval to the registry as your training program undergoes review.
Click “yes” if you wish to provide a Work Experience and proceed to Step 8 Work Experience Pathway instructions.

Click “no” if you do not wish to provide a Work Experience move on to Step 9 Application Completion and Submission.

After you have made your selection, and completed the Training Program and Work Experience Section, click “Next” to move on.

8. **Work Experience Pathway**

To have a work or volunteer experience considered for temporary eligibility to seek reimbursement for CHW services, you will need to download the Work Experience Verification Form for completion and signature by your current or prior employer or organization where the work experience occurred. Instructions for completing this form can be found in Appendix A of this guide document, or on the MICHWA MI Medicaid CHW Registry webpage.
Once you have downloaded the Work Experience Verification form, click the corresponding response (“yes” or “no”) to confirm you understand that the verification form will need to be sent to mychwregistry@michwa.org within 30 days of your submitting your application.

Plan to complete a MDHHS-approved Training Program: If you did not provide Training Program Pathway information in your application (did not provide any training program information, just
work experience), you will need to provide a plan for how you will complete an MDHHS-Approved Training Program. Please provide adequate information for the reviewer to understand your plan of action. (If you have already completed a training program, and included that information in your application, simply enter “N/A” in the text box.)

9. **Application Completion and Submission**

Review the final action steps on the application completion page.
Do not forget to click “SUBMIT” to submit your completed application for review. If you do not click “submit” your application will not be received. You may also click “back” if you wish to review or change information before submitting.

**CONGRATULATIONS - YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR APPLICATION!**

**What happens next?**

1. **Send in information:** Email any training program or work experience documents within 30 days to this email: mychwregistry@michwa.org. This may include:
   - Completion certificates, transcripts, or similar proof of completion documents from your training program
   - Completed Work Experience Verification Form(s)
   - Any explanations for missing training program completion documents

   Upon sending in the necessary training or work experience documentation, you can expect your full application to be reviewed within seven to ten business days.

2. **Watch for communications and respond in a timely manner:** You will receive confirmation of your application submission within 2 business days of submission. Your application reviewer may reach out if additional information is needed. They may reach out to you by email or phone. Watch out for those communications, so your application can be reviewed and approved as quickly as possible.

3. **Receive Confirmation:** Every applicant will receive confirmation of their approval or denial to the MI Medicaid CHW Registry. If you are approved to be added to the MI Medicaid CHW Registry, you will also receive a registry number. This number will be important to have when you proceed to enroll with Michigan Medicaid. You can find more information about Enrollment through the MDHHS Provider Enrollment webpage: https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/doing-business/providers/providers/medicaid/provider-enrollment/data/pe-pages/step-by-step-enrollment-guides/rendering-servicin
**MI Medicaid CHW Registry: Work Experience Verification Form**

To qualify to be added to the MI Medicaid CHW Registry and be eligible to provide Medicaid Community Health Worker (CHW) services you must have completed an approved CHW training program or have at least 1,000 hours of work or volunteer learning experience as a Community Health Worker within the last three years.

Complete this form to provide verification of work experience or volunteer learning experiences.

- Part A should be completed by the applicant (i.e., CHW that wishes to verify their experience in order to be added to the MI Medicaid CHW Registry.)
- Part B of this form should be completed and signed by a current or former supervisor or other authorized representative of the organization where the work or volunteer experience occurred.
- Once Part A and Part B are completed, send a signed copy of the form to: mychwregistry@michwa.org. Electronic or scanned signatures are acceptable.

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Please provide information on the employer or agency for which the above individual has completed work or volunteer experience.

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**Type of Organization (check one)**

- ☐ Community-Based Organization
- ☐ Clinic/Hospital
- ☐ College/University/School
- ☐ Faith-Based Organization
- ☐ Non-Profit Organization
- ☐ Local Health Department
- ☐ State Agency
- ☐ Other (specify)
## Appendix A: Work Experience Verification Form

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### Skills Verification:
Please indicate which core CHW skills were practiced during the work experience or volunteer service with this organization. (Check All That Apply. For a list of definitions, see the next page)

- [ ] Communication Skills
- [ ] Interpersonal and Relationship-Building Skills
- [ ] Service Coordination and Navigation Skills
- [ ] Capacity Building Skills
- [ ] Advocacy Skills
- [ ] Education and Facilitation Skills
- [ ] Individual and Community Assessment Skills
- [ ] Outreach Skills
- [ ] Professional Skills and Conduct
- [ ] Evaluation and Research Skills
- [ ] Knowledge Base

### Part B: To be completed by Agency/Organization Representative:

**Agency/Organization Representative - Verification Attestation**

By signing below, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge, the information above accurately represents the experience of the applicant CHW with the Agency/Organization I represent.

Name of Representative:

Representative Phone Number:

Representative Email:

Signature:

Date:
Core Consensus Project: Community Health Worker Core Competencies
These definitions come from the National Community Health Worker Core Consensus Project. Home | CHW Core Consensus Project (c3project.org)

- Communication Skills
  - Ability to use language confidently
  - Ability to use language in ways that engage and motivate
  - Ability to communicate using plain and clear language
  - Ability to communicate with empathy
  - Ability to listen actively
  - Ability to prepare written communication including electronic communication (e.g., email, telecommunication device for the deaf)
  - Ability to document work
  - Ability to communicate with the community served (may not be fluent in language of all communities served)

- Interpersonal and Relationship-Building Skills
  - Ability to provide coaching and social support
  - Ability to conduct self-management coaching
  - Ability to use interviewing techniques (e.g. motivational interviewing)
  - Ability to work as a team member
  - Ability to manage conflict f. Ability to practice cultural humility

- Service Coordination and Navigation Skills
  - Ability to coordinate care (including identifying and accessing resources and overcoming barriers)
  - Ability to make appropriate referrals
  - Ability to facilitate development of an individual and/or group action plan and goal attainment
  - Ability to coordinate CHW activities with clinical and other community services
  - Ability to follow-up and track care and referral outcomes

- Capacity Building Skills
  - Ability to help others identify goals and develop to their fullest potential
  - Ability to work in ways that increase individual and community empowerment
  - Ability to network, build community connections, and build coalitions
  - Ability to teach self-advocacy skills
  - Ability to conduct community organizing.
● Advocacy Skills
  • Ability to contribute to policy development
  • Ability to advocate for policy change
  • Ability to speak up for individuals and communities

● Education and Facilitation Skills
  • Ability to use empowering and learner-centered teaching strategies
  • Ability to use a range of appropriate and effective educational techniques
  • Ability to facilitate group discussions and decision-making
  • Ability to plan and conduct classes and presentations for a variety of groups
  • Ability to seek out appropriate information and respond to questions about pertinent topics
  • Ability to find and share requested information
  • Ability to collaborate with other educators
  • Ability to collect and use information from and with community members

● Individual and Community Assessment Skills
  • Ability to participate in individual assessment through observation and active inquiry
  • Ability to participate in community assessment through observation and active inquiry

● Outreach Skills
  • Ability to conduct case-finding, recruitment and follow-up
  • Ability to prepare and disseminate materials
  • Ability to build and maintain a current resource inventory

● Professional Skills and Conduct
  • Ability to set goals and to develop and follow a work plan
  • Ability to balance priorities and to manage time
  • Ability to apply critical thinking techniques and problem solving
  • Ability to use pertinent technology e. Ability to pursue continuing education and life-long learning opportunities
  • Ability to maximize personal safety while working in community and/or clinical settings
  • Ability to observe ethical and legal standards (e.g. CHW Code of Ethics, Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA], Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act [HIPAA])
  • Ability to identify situations calling for mandatory reporting and carry out mandatory reporting requirements
  • Ability to participate in professional development of peer CHWs and in networking among
CHW groups

- Ability to set boundaries and practice self-care

Evaluation and Research Skills

- Ability to identify important concerns and conduct evaluation and research to better understand root causes
- Ability to apply the evidence-based practices of Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) and Participatory Action Research (PAR)
- Ability to participate in evaluation and research processes including:
  - Identifying priority issues and evaluation/research questions
  - Developing evaluation/research design and methods
  - Data collection and interpretation
  - Sharing results and findings
  - Engaging stakeholders to take action on findings

Knowledge Base

- Knowledge about social determinants of health and related disparities
- Knowledge about pertinent health issues
- Knowledge about healthy lifestyles and self-care
- Knowledge about mental/behavioral health issues and their connection to physical health
- Knowledge about health behavior theories
- Knowledge of basic public health principles
- Knowledge about the community served
- Knowledge about United States health and social service systems