

Partner with CHWs in Healthcare Settings to Impact Community Health



Why partner with CHWs in Healthcare Settings

CHWs employed in healthcare settings:

- Support national goals to reduce healthcare workforce shortages
- Show decades of evidence validated by randomized control trials and clinical trials
- Reduce cost of care due to prevention, especially for chronic disease
- Increase the number of patients receiving early treatment and diagnosis
- Connect to primary care providers, especially in rural communities
- Expand access to quality care and social services

How to partner with CHWs in Healthcare Settings

- Integrate CHWs into disease-focused solutions — chronic disease model for diabetes care, respiratory health, asthma care
- Employ CHWs in primary care groups, health systems, and health plans to deliver local, individualized wraparound wellness services — annual visits, immunizations, food, housing
- Contract with CHWs to design community programs, train, and provide technical assistance
- Create CHW roles and payment models that value and measure their knowledge, network, and trusted services

Resources: 1. [For Healthier, Stronger Communities, Invest in CHWs Now from LinkedIn](#) 2. [Community Health Worker \(CHW\) Resources and Recommendations for the Public Health Infrastructure Grant](#) 3. [Common Health Coalition CHW Challenge Checklist for Administrators, Managers, and Clinicians to Integrate Community Health Workers in Vaccine Outreach, Acceptance, and Distribution Strategies](#)

Spotlight on Northwell Health

As **New York's largest health system**, **Northwell Health** has built one of the nation's most comprehensive CHW integration models. Through its **"From the Community, For the Community"** program, Northwell trains jobseekers from underserved communities to become CHWs and employs them **full-time** across the health system.

Northwell CHWs maintain a **caseload of members**, conduct **home visits and assessments**, provide **referrals to social and support services**, and serve as a **trusted point of contact** to help members navigate and access clinical care. This model demonstrates how health systems can embed CHWs as permanent workforce infrastructure — rooted in community expertise and aligned with whole-person care

The [Strengthening Public Health with Community Health Workers](#) report (2025) published by [National Association of CHWs \(NACHW\)](#), [NationSwell](#), [Atlas Clarity](#), and [Sanofi](#), highlights how CHWs strengthen public health through trust, capacity-building, navigation of health and social services, and cross-sector partnership. In 2026, CHW Network and Association leaders reviewed the report and offered recommendations in a focus group.

This one-pager is part of series requested by CHW leaders targeting multiple audiences.

