



## Linking Community Members to Health & Social Services & Resources

### Who are Community Health Workers?

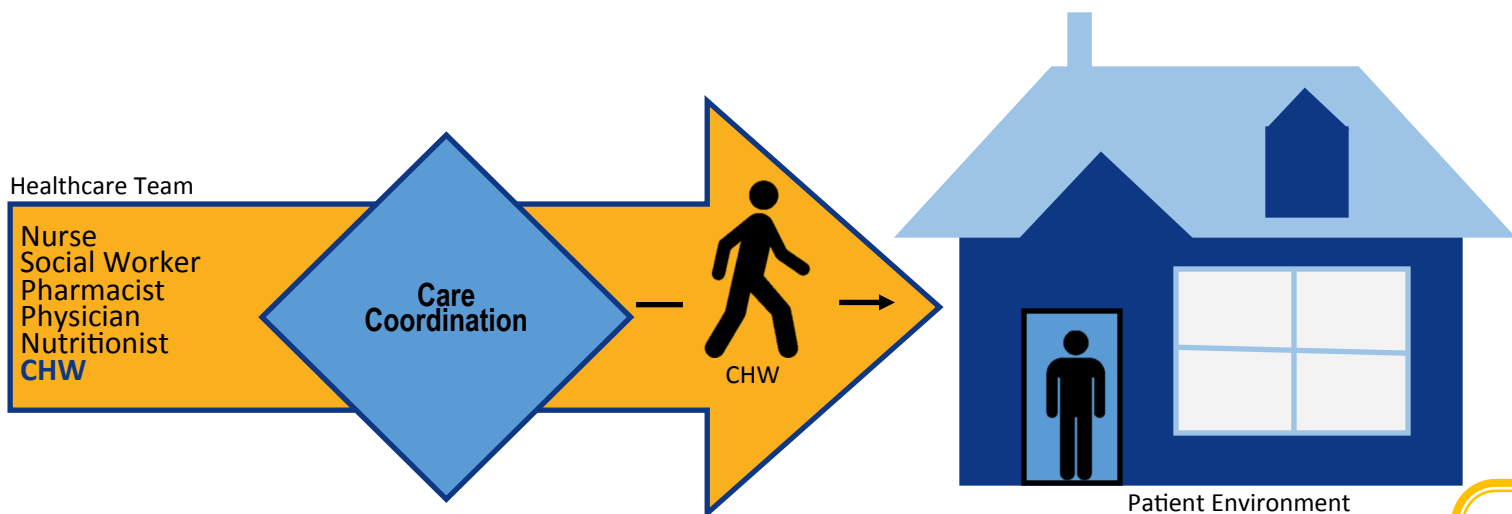
Community Health Workers (CHWs) bridge the gap between individuals and the health care and social services systems. CHWs are usually from the communities they serve and understand and represent the needs and interests of their clients.

### What do CHWs do?

- Help clients work with the health care and social services systems.
- Help people self-manage their health conditions.
- Help clients communicate with health care providers.
- Access community-based services such as transportation, food assistance, and other programs.



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**What are the benefits of CHWs?**

- Reduced health care costs
- Improved health outcomes
- Increased health insurance coverage
- Increased use of preventive care
- Reduced use of urgent and emergency care
- Improved self-management of chronic diseases
- More culturally aware provider practices

**Who employs CHWs?**

- Schools & universities
- Clinics & hospitals
- Physician offices
- Social service organizations
- Health insurance organizations
- Public health agencies
- Faith-based organizations
- Non-profit organizations
- More!

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