

# COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC

## POSITION SUMMARY

### COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER (CHW)

- Frontline public health worker who is a trusted member of and/or has a close understanding of the community served.
- Serve as a link between health services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve service delivery.

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- Provide health education, monitoring, and amenities beyond conventional emergency care and transportation.
- Roles are unique to each community's health needs in conjunction with public health and medical advice.

## TRAINING AND PREREQUISITES

- Completion of an approved CHW Training Program by SD DSS.
- Certification through Indian Health Service Community Health Representative basic training, a CHW program approved by the South Dakota Board of Technical Education or the South Dakota Board of Regents, or a CHW training program approved by the State.

- Training requirements vary; there are no uniform regulations.

## CERTIFICATES AND LICENSURE

- No certificate or license is required in SD.

- Varies from state to state.

## TYPICAL SUPERVISORS

- Clinic, nursing, or another organizational manager.

- Physicians or advanced practice provider.

## MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE *(NATIONAL)*

Community Health Worker (CHW) - \$20.19

Community Paramedic - \$17.62

### SOURCES

To view the complete comparison of a CHW and CP and to review the sources for this information, visit [www.chwsd.org/career-comparisons/](http://www.chwsd.org/career-comparisons/)