

HOME HEALTH AIDE

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.

HOME HEALTH AIDE

- Assists the disabled, chronically ill, or cognitively impaired with daily tasks, simple housekeeping, shopping, planning appointments, and providing companionship.
- Provide routine individualized healthcare, monitor, or report changes in health status, and provide personal care.

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.

- High school diploma or equivalent.
- Complete 75 hours of total training (including 16 hours of clinical training), plus pass a test.
- SD does not require any additional training.

CERTIFICATES AND LICENSURE

- No certificate or license is required in SD.

- Not licensed or regulated in SD
- Aides who work for agencies that receive reimbursement from Medicare/Medicaid must get a minimum level of training and pass a competency evaluation to be certified.

TYPICAL SUPERVISORS

- Clinic, nursing, or another organizational manager.

- Home health agency manager or case manager.

MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE *(NATIONAL)*

Community Health Worker (CHW) - \$20.19

Home Health Aide - \$14.82

SOURCES

To view the complete comparison of a CHW and HHA and to review the sources for this information, visit www.chwsd.org/career-comparisons/

