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To: Members, Arkansas State Board of Health

From: Cristy Sellers
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Subject: To request approval by the State Board of Health of the rules pertaining to
Community Health Workers

Authority: Arkansas Code 17 CAR §-55-101-114

Relevant Acts: Act 435 of 2025, Community Health Workers Certification Act

Pursuant to act 435 of 2025, these rules establish minimum standards for certification of Community-Based Doulas in Arkansas. These standards are not static and are subject to periodic revision in the future as new knowledge and changes in patient care trends become apparent.

These rules include provisions for disqualifying offenses as listed in Arkansas code §17-3-102, fines imposed by the Board in accordance with Arkansas code §20-7-10, and adherence to Arkansas code §25-15-201, the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act.

This Act establishes certification for Community Health Workers through the Arkansas Department of Health for services provided within their scope of practice as outlined and provides insurance and Medicaid reimbursement for covered services.

