

S 2139

Community Health Workers Act of 2002

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Apr 17, 2002

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2830-2832) (Apr 17, 2002)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/107th-congress/senate-bill/2139>

Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NM • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 17, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Apr 17, 2002)

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Community Health Workers Act of 2002 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to promote positive health behaviors for women in target populations, especially racial and ethnic minorities in underserved communities.

Permits the use of grant funds for the support of community health workers' education and outreach efforts concerning: (1) prevalent health problems; (2) learning opportunities targeting behavioral risk factors including poor nutrition, obesity, physical activity, and substance abuse; (3) health insurance enrollment, including the State Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicare, and Medicaid; and (4) health care agencies and community-based programs.

Sets forth application procedures for State, local or tribal units, granting priority to experienced providers in geographic areas with high percentages of un-or under-insured families where English is the second language, and the U.S.-Mexico border region.

Requires the Secretary to establish and monitor quality-control guidelines for community health workers.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 17, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 17, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2830)
- **Apr 17, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2830-2832)