

ALL ABOUT CHAS

A COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE (CHA) IS A CERTIFIED PRIMARY CARE CLINICIAN WHO HAS CLOSE CULTURAL TIES AND CONNECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE. CHAS ATTEND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND WORK WITHIN THE TRIBAL HEALTH SYSTEMS. CHAS TRAIN UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED CLINICAL PROVIDER, SUCH AS A PHYSICIAN OR ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDER (PA, NP). THEY PRACTICE UNDER A LICENSED PHYSICIAN (MD, DO). THERE ARE MULTIPLE LEVELS TO A CHA INCLUDING A CHA/P.

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE?

BELOW IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE TIERED PRACTICE LEVELS.

CHR-COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE- ENTRY LEVEL -TRAINING INCLUDES THE CHR CURRICULUM AND HAS EXTENDED DIDACTIC WORK IN PREP FOR CHA TRAINING.

CHA- COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE- THIS IS THE NEXT STEP IN BECOMING A COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE AND SKILLS AND SCOPE WILL EXPAND AS STUDENT COMPLETES TRAINING SESSIONS.

CHP-COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE PRACTITIONER- HIGHEST LEVEL AND EQUIVALENT TO A MIDLEVEL PROVIDER SUCH AS A NURSE PRACTITIONER OR PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT IN MANY WAYS. THEY USE AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE MANUAL (ECHAM) TO ENSURE CARE IS PROVIDED MEETING THE MINIMUM NATIONAL CHAP STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES.

WHO CAN HIRE A CHA?

IN 2018, THROUGH THE INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT, CHAP WAS NATIONALIZED LEGALLY ALLOWING LOCAL TRIBES, TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND TRIBAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS TO EMPLOY CHAP PROVIDERS TO BETTER SERVE THEIR COMMUNITIES NEEDS BY INCREASING ACCESS TO HOLISTIC CARE.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

CURRENTLY THE ONLY CHA PROGRAM AVAILABLE IN THE CONTIGUOUS UNITES STATES IS THROUGH THE TRIBAL COMMUNITY HEALTH PROVIDER PROGRAM LOCATED IN PORTLAND, OREGON. THEY STARTED THEIR FIRST COHORT OF CHA STUDENTS THIS YEAR AND ARE CURRENTLY BUILDING OUT THE REST OF THE PROGRAM. FOR MORE INFORMATION SURROUNDING THIS TRAINING PROGRAM, PLEASE VISIT TCHPP.ORG OR SCAN THE QR CODE

WHAT CHA'S CAN DO FOR THE TRIBAL COMMUNITY

EMERGENCY CARE	HISTORY & PATIENT EXAM	CASE MANAGEMENT AND FOLLOW UP
CARRYING OUT PHYSICIAN'S TREATMENT RECOMMENDATIONS	PATIENT AND FAMILY FOCUSED EDUCATION AND INSTRUCTION	PREVENTATIVE HEALTH PROGRAMS
INFECTION AND DISEASE CONTROL	CHRONIC AND ACUTE CARE	IMMUNIZATIONS



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