

INTERIM RULEMAKING NOTICE FORM

Proposed Interim Rule Number _____ Rule Number Plc 2000

<p>1. Agency Name & Address:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Office of Professional Licensure & Certification 7 Eagle Square Concord, NH 03301</p> <p>5. Filing Date: February 6, 2025</p>	<p>2. RSA Authority: <u>RSA 326-N:3</u></p> <p>3. Federal Authority: <u>n/a</u></p> <p>4. Type of Action:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Adoption <u> X </u></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Amendment _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Repeal _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Readoption _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Readoption w/amendment _____</p>
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6. Short Title: **Voluntary Certification of Community Health Workers**

7. Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:

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8. Summary explaining the effect of the rule:

The Executive Director of the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (OPLC) is proposing to adopt Interim rules to implement RSA 326-N relative to the voluntary certification of community health workers (CHW), enacted as 2024, 289:6, eff. Jan. 1, 2025. The proposed rules establish:

- **Minimum qualifications for initial and renewal certification as a CHW;**
- **The application processes for initial and renewal certifications;**
- **Obligations of certified CHWs;**
- **Ethical and professional standards for certified CHWs; and**
- **Procedures, including for the receipt and investigation of misconduct complaints, the conduct of disciplinary hearings and non-disciplinary remedial hearings, the imposition of license conditions, and waivers.**

9. Listing of people, enterprises, and government agencies affected by the rule:

The proposed interim rules will affect any individual who meets the qualifications to be a certified CHW and who wishes to become certified.

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10. Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement.

Rule(s)	State Statute(s) Implemented
Plc 2001	RSA 326-N:1-8
Plc 2002	RSA 326-N:1
Plc 2003	RSA 310:4, II; RSA 326-N:4; RSA 326-N:5
Plc 2004	RSA 326-N:3, II
Plc 2005	RSA 310:8, III
Plc 2006	RSA 326-N:3, II
Plc 2007	RSA 326-N:8

11. Summary of the effect upon the state if the rule were not adopted:

If the proposed interim rules are not adopted, then individuals who qualify to be certified as a CHW will not be able to become certified until regular rules are adopted later this spring.

12. Proposed date of review by the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules:

March 21, 2025

13. The fiscal impact statement prepared by the Legislative Budget Assistant, if applicable.

FIS # 25:022, dated 02/05/2025

1. Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):

Not applicable as these are new interim rules.

2. Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:

No Federal mandate. No impact on state funds.

3. Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):

The proposed rules, relative to a voluntary process for the certification of community health workers, state that initial application (Plc 2003.03(b)(3)) and renewal (Plc 2005.02(d)(2)) fees shall be specified in Plc 1002, and if no fee is specified in Plc 1002, then no fee shall be paid. At this time there is no fee specified in Plc 1002. Therefore, it is deemed these rules have no fiscal impact.

A. To State general or State special funds:

None.

B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:

None.

C. To independently owned businesses:

None.