



**Timeline for the Creation and Implementation of Section 110  
of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 2006 (Health Care Reform in MA)**

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| <b>November 2004</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community health workers (CHWs) draft legislation with technical assistance from the Massachusetts Public Health Association.</li><li>• MA Representative Gloria Fox agrees to become the bill's Lead Sponsor. Additional legislators sign on as co-sponsors.</li></ul>   |
| <b>October 2005</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MA Speaker of the House Salvador DiMasi unveils health care reform bill, House # 4463. The CHW bill is included in full.</li></ul>  |
| <b>November 2005</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• State Senators and Representatives, on behalf of MACHW, file amendments to strengthen CHW language and to include CHW representation on the Public Health Council.</li><li>• MA Senate passes Senate health care reform bill, Senate #2042, containing CHW language, which was slightly different than the House version.</li><li>• The Joint Conference Committee kept CHW language in the final version of the combined bill.</li></ul> |
| <b>April 2006</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bill signed, approved in part by Governor Mitt Romney and becomes Chapter 58 of the Acts of 2006. The Governor vetoed some sections, including the restructuring of the public health council.</li></ul>  |
| <b>January 2007</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Governor Deval Patrick signed Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2007 to approve the restructuring of the Public Health Council which includes a representative from MACHW.</li></ul>   |
| <b>June 2007</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MACHW leadership meets with newly appointed Commissioner of Public Health, John Auerbach, to urge the implementation of the CHW Advisory Council as legislatively mandated in Section 110 of the Health Care Reform Law.</li></ul>  |
| <b>August 2007</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First MA Department of Public Health (MDPH) CHW Advisory Council convenes with more than 40 stakeholders represented.</li></ul>   |
| <b>January 2008</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MACHW holds 7 regional meetings across Massachusetts to provide a broad voice for CHWs to express their views on statewide CHW training and certification.</li></ul>  |
| <b>February 2008</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MACHW, in collaboration with the Community Health Worker Initiative of Boston, releases policy brief clarifying credentialing terminology to facilitate credentialing discussions among stakeholders.</li></ul>   |
| <b>July 2008</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MDPH CHW Advisory Council's working groups prepare draft of findings and recommendations that contribute to the final report.</li><li>• MACHW integrates findings from the 7 CHW regional meetings into the MDPH report and releases policy brief reporting back these findings to CHWs.</li></ul>  |
| <b>January 2010</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Release of the report "Community Health Workers in Massachusetts: Improving Health Care and Public Health" to legislature.</li></ul>  |

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