Ohio Revised Code
Section 4723.82 Community health worker certificate.
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(A) An individual who holds a current, valid community health worker certificate issued by the board of nursing under section 4723.85 of the Revised Code may use the title "certified community health worker" or "community health worker." When providing services within the community, the certificate holder may represent to the public that the individual is providing the services under either title.

(B)(1) Holding a community health worker certificate does not authorize an individual to administer medications or perform any other activity that requires judgment based on nursing knowledge or expertise. Any activities performed by a certified community health worker that are related to nursing care shall be performed only pursuant to the delegation of a registered nurse acting in accordance with the rules for delegation adopted under this chapter. Any other health-related activities performed by a certified community health worker shall be performed only under the supervision of a health professional acting within the scope of the professional's practice.

Only a registered nurse may supervise a certified community health worker when performing delegated activities related to nursing care. The registered nurse supervising a certified community health worker shall provide the supervision in accordance with the rules for delegation adopted under this chapter and the rules for supervision of community health workers adopted under section 4723.88 of the Revised Code, including the rules limiting the number of certified community health workers who may be supervised at any one time.

(2) A registered nurse who delegates activities to a certified community health worker or supervises a certified community health worker in the performance of delegated activities is not liable in damages to any person or government entity in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from an action or omission of the certified community health worker in performing the activities, if the registered nurse delegates the activities or provides the supervision in accordance with this chapter and the rules adopted under this chapter.