



Partnership Application & Screening For External Health & Wellness Organizations Protocol

Scope

CHA's Health Partnership initiative is a voluntary unpaid offering. Health Partners understand they are applying to provide health related information to CHA residents in common areas without compensation. The Health Partnership initiative does not endorse specific health providers or health interventions. Individual health decisions are handled by CHA residents and their chosen medical provider. Health Partners are approved to present information/education and have not been approved to provide health care services.

Partnership Application

Any health-related organization requesting to meet with residents in a common area of a CHA building must complete a partnership application for CHA review/approval. This protocol and the application are accessible via CHA's web site (www.thecha.org). Questions about the partnership or protocol can be sent to healthpartnerships@thecha.org. Property Managers, FamilyWorks providers, Resident Service Coordinators along with CHA Resident Services and Portfolio staff will be notified of the protocol.

All partnership applications will be reviewed by a committee for approval/denial for partnership. The committee will be coordinated by Resident Services, with membership from Property Operations and a representative of the Senior Housing Advisory Council (SHAC). The committee will review applications based on the proposed activities, current needs of residents, and open source review conducted by CHA's Office of the Inspector General. The committee will prioritize applications that demonstrate potential event facilitators have medical licenses, certifications, or specific medical training. The committee reserves the right to decline applications if proposed activities are not in demand or are offered by other partners.

Partnership Approval

Partnership applications are reviewed within 60 calendar days of submission to the CHA. A determination letter will be issued within 60 days of CHA receiving an application. The determination letter will list out the activities a partner has been approved to facilitate. Health Partners may submit updated applications if they wish to make changes to their list of approved topics/presentations.

A list of approved partners will be maintained by Resident Services and published on CHA's website.

Scheduling of approved organizations will be based on resident interest, availability of space and time and property staff capacity to promote and host the event. CHA contractors or staff will reach out to approved health partners to schedule events. Health Partners should not solicit staff or contractors. RSCs will keep Resident Services informed of scheduled presentations and alert them to any issues that may arise. RSCs or FamilyWorks staff must be present during any presentation from an approved health partner.

Health Partnership applications are non-transferable. Companies/agencies are approved, not individual staff members. If an individual who worked for an approved Health Partner leaves the company, they must have their new employer/company apply to be a health partner before they can continue using CHA common space. Approved health partners are responsible for notifying the CHA of any changes in primary contact information. Only approved partners may use common space for educational events. Approved partners cannot invite un-approved health entities to join events without CHA knowledge and permission.

Approved Partnerships are valid for **up to 24 months**. **Partners may terminate their partnership at any point prior to their expiration date.** Partners may notify the CHA at healthpartnerships@thecha.org to request to be removed from the approved partners list.



Health partners wishing to continue must submit a renewal partnership application. Renewal applications will only be reviewed if the Health Partner was utilized by CHA contractors or program staff within the past 2 years. CHA reserves the right to cancel a health partnership based on resident, Property Manager, FamilyWorks, or Resident Service Coordinator feedback with written notice. Health Partners who solicit residents, enroll residents on site, or conduct an invasive medical procedure will be immediately removed from the program.

Partnership Denial

A letter will be issued within 60 days of receipt of the application, denying the partnership application and outlining the reasons for denial.

Denied partnership applicants may request a second review within 45 days of the date of CHA’s denial letter. The request for a second review should be made in writing. The letter should include a response to the reasons for denial and sent to:

Chicago Housing Authority
Resident Services
60 E Van Buren, 10th floor
Chicago, IL 60605
ATT: Senior Services

Second Review

Within 60 days of receipt of a written request, CHA will conduct a second review. In addition to reconsideration by the Committee, CHA’s review may include an additional background check. A final recommendation will be reviewed for concurrence by CHA’s Chief Resident Services Officer

Following the second review, a final letter will be issued approving or denying the partnership application. No further appeals will be accepted. No new applications will be accepted for one (1) year from the date of final decision.

Health Partnership Guidelines	Acceptable - Examples	Not acceptable - Examples
Who is eligible?	Health-related organizations such as medical providers, advocacy organizations, and direct service providers. Preference is	Does not apply to for-profit insurers or businesses other than those that are health related.

	given to organizations who will utilize trained medical professionals for partnership presentations.	
What services can be provided?	Health Partners may present health related information.	Individual health services, health screenings, enrollment, sales, or solicitation of any type. Presentations on benefits, health insurance, or programs requiring enrollment/sales.
Can gifts or incentives be offered?	Sponsored resident activities (e.g., lunch; bingo or raffle prizes) Give-aways with logo. Guideline: \$25/participant per event.	Staff who work for, or whose organization is funded by, CHA, may not benefit from or accept any gifts or incentives.
If approved, when will my organization be scheduled?	Once approved, actual scheduling of a specific topic/event in a CHA building will be determined between the building's Resident Service Coordinator, FamilyWorks Program staff, or Property Manager based on resident interest, availability of space and time and property staff capacity to promote and host an event.	The partner may not come in for a one time or regularly scheduled table availability. To provide additional services not proposed/approved in the application, partners must contact CHA Resident Services for additional approval. Any partner providing services that are not acceptable will be removed immediately from the approved partner list.