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**THE KAJIADO COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES
BILL, 2020**

A Bill for

AN ACT of the County Assembly of Kajiado to provide for the establishment and delineation of Community Health Units within the County for the effective, efficient and sustainable delivery of community-based health services and to establish the necessary institutional and regulatory mechanisms to ensure functionality of community units in empowering households in health service delivery and for connected purposes

ENACTED by the County Assembly of Kajiado, as follows—

PART I—PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Kajiado County Community Health Services Act, 2020.

Interpretation

2. In this Act—

“County” means Kajiado County;

“community” means such number of villages as the county executive committee member in a county may demarcate as falling within a cluster for the effective delivery of community health services;

“committee” means the community health committee established under to section 9;

“county executive committee member” means the county executive committee member responsible for matters relating to health;

“community health unit” means the primary health structure serving a community means an area within the County health structures comprising of a cluster of villages which make up a sub-location as defined under the National Government Co-ordination Act or as may from time to time be designated by the County Executive committee Member;

“county executive committee member” means the Executive Committee Member responsible for matters relating to health;

“link facility” means the nearest health facility located within the area where the community health workforce offers services and acts as the community health unit referral centre;

Community Health Extension Worker / Community Health Assistant: Trained healthcare workers who are employed by counties to work at Level 1;

CHEWs/CHAs work with Community Health Volunteers in Community Health Units to implement community health, and report to the link facility;

“County community health focal persons” means the individuals identified to coordinate community health services at the county level;

“County Health Management Team” means a team of County Health officials mandated to oversee delivery of health care within the County;

“Community Health Volunteer” means a person selected by the community based on set criteria defined by this Act and has undertaken relevant training as defined in the community health services Policy; to offer health services at the community level; communities in their respective localities as per the set criteria defined by this act;

“Chief Officer for Health” means the top technical officer at the county level, appointed by the Governor. In charge of finances as the principle accounting officer for health in the county government;

“Household” means individuals associated with and usually headed by the household head or caregiver.

“Stipend” means honorarium or allowances given to CHVs

“Referral” means an interlinked network of service providers and facilities that provide a continuum of care for acute and chronic health conditions.

“Health” means a state of complete physical, mental, spiritual and social well-being of and individual and not merely an absence of a disease or infirmity.

Objects

3. The objects of this Act are to —

- (a) provide a framework for the effective delivery of integrated, comprehensive and quality community health services in the county;
- (b) enhance community access to basic health services;
- (c) provide a framework for the coordinated implementation of policies and standards formulated by the National government by the county government pursuant to the Health Act for the realisation of the right to health at the community level;

