

## **Special Opportunity for ADA-recognized and ADCES-accredited DSMES Delivery Organizations to Accelerate Participation in the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program**

### **Introduction:**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have partnered to offer American Diabetes Association (ADA)-recognized and Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists (ADCES)-accredited diabetes self-management education and support (DSMES) delivery organizations a special opportunity to accelerate participation in the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP). Normally, new organizations applying to the Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program (DPRP) are awarded pending recognition and require 12-18 months to submit data to demonstrate the ability to recruit and retain participants and advance to preliminary recognition. Preliminary, full, or full plus recognition levels are required to apply to become an MDPP supplier. ADA-recognized and ADCES-accredited DSMES delivery organizations will now be offered the opportunity to be fast-tracked by the DPRP to preliminary recognition based on their experience working with populations with diabetes as an ADA-recognized or ADCES-accredited DSMES delivery organization. However, they will still need to meet the basic application requirements for recognition: 1) delivering a CDC-approved lifestyle change program curriculum, 2) employing a lifestyle coach trained by a training entity holding a memorandum of understanding with CDC and 3) submitting required participant data every six months.

### **Benefits to Fast-Tracked Recognition:**

With this action, you will be able to apply to be an MDPP supplier and begin billing CMS for the MDPP as soon as your application is approved. If you are interested in this opportunity, please go to this [link](#) to complete the application for CDC recognition and select “ADA-recognized DSMES organization/ADCES-accredited DSMES organization” as your organization type. If you are currently an ADA-recognized or ADCES-accredited DSMES delivery organizations in pending recognition, please send an email to the National Diabetes Prevention Program (National DPP) Customer Service Center at [NationalDPPAsk@cdc.gov](mailto:NationalDPPAsk@cdc.gov) and you will be advanced to preliminary recognition automatically by the DPRP team without any further waiting period or other requirements.

### **New Changes to the MDPP Starting January 1, 2024:**

We are making this opportunity available to you based on your experience working with populations that have prediabetes or diabetes and to help align with the changes CMS is making to the MDPP starting January 1, 2024. There is a critical need to increase the number of MDPP suppliers to help reach Medicare beneficiaries with prediabetes. With the new CMS changes, MDPP suppliers will be able to bill for MDPP session attendance on a fee-for-service basis rather than the current performance-based structure. This change will better meet MDPP supplier needs and encourage beneficiary retention. MDPP suppliers may receive up to \$768 for each beneficiary who completes 22 sessions and meets weight loss metrics. Further, CMS will be allowing delivery of the MDPP through both in-person and distance learning and will be newly covering A1C testing (in addition to the fasting plasma glucose test and oral glucose tolerance test) for prediabetes and diabetes screening. For more on these changes see the [Calendar Year 2024 Physician Fee Schedule final rule](#).

### **Coach Training Scholarships:**

As a further incentive to increase enrollment of priority populations in the MDPP, CDC will be offering some scholarships to help train lifestyle coaches from ADA-recognized and ADCES-accredited DSMES delivery organizations that become MDPP suppliers, that:

- serve populations residing in counties classified as having high vulnerability according to the [CDC/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry \(ATSDR\) Social Vulnerability Index \(SVI\)](#) and
- have previous experience billing CMS for [diabetes self-management training](#) (DSMT).

To determine if you are located in a high SVI county, please go to this link and enter your zip code: [SVI Interactive Map \(cdc.gov\)](#).

Please contact Rebecca Keays ([gmz8@cdc.gov](mailto:gmz8@cdc.gov)) by February 9 to indicate your organization's:

1. interest in utilizing a scholarship for lifestyle coach training (if you are providing services in a [high SVI area](#)) and
2. the [MOU-signed training entity](#) with which your organization would like to work.

For further information on how to apply for the scholarships, please go to this link:

<https://nationaldppcsc.cdc.gov/s/article/Diabetes-Self-Management-Education-and-Support-DSMES-Delivery-Organizations-Accelerating-Participation-in-the-MDPP>.

We hope that you will consider this opportunity to further serve Medicare beneficiaries in your area.

For questions about CDC recognition, please contact: [NationalDPPAsk@cdc.gov](mailto:NationalDPPAsk@cdc.gov). For questions about the MDPP, please contact: <https://cmmi.my.site.com/mdpp/>.



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