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THE DIABETES SCOOP

The Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association (PPA) is thrilled to introduce an abbreviated **Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support (DSMES)** accreditation program designed for pharmacies seeking to achieve accreditation.

The program includes **three pre-recorded 1-hour videos**, each accompanied by a **30-minute online discussion session** held every other week, starting in March. Participants can watch the pre-recorded videos at their convenience, provided they complete them before the corresponding discussion session.

PPA's DSMES Program:

- Provides pharmacies with tools and resources to implement DSMES programs aligned with National Standards.
- Enhances clinical services to support better health outcomes for patients with diabetes.
- Offers valuable Continuing Education (CE) credits for pharmacists.
- Includes ADCES accreditation, enabling access to innovative reimbursement models.

This year, the program is **fully subsidized by a CDC grant**, covering both the **cost of participation and the ADCES accreditation fee for interested pharmacies**.

PPA will provide comprehensive support, including templates, toolkits, and expert guidance throughout the accreditation process. Don't miss this chance to elevate your pharmacy's role in diabetes care and support while earning CE credits in a cost-free, value-packed program. If you're interested in PPA's DSMES accreditation program, please scan the QR code to express your interest.



Questions?

Email: ppa@papharmacists.com

Join the Rx Revolution!

Join PPA for the Rx Revolution at the 2025 Annual Conference from **February 14-16** at the **Hilton Harrisburg**. With over 20 hours of CE sessions, there is no shortage of opportunities to expand your diabetes knowledge including:

- Diabetes Self Management Support & Education
- Updates to ADA Standards of Care in Diabetes
- CGM Use in the Underserved Population
- Diabetes 101: Pharmacy Technicians

See PPA's website for all confirmed sessions that count toward you 15 hours of CE per year!

Reminder that all DPP Coaches must attend 2 hours of advanced coach training annually to maintain their coach status.

- Diabetes Prevention Program Advanced Coach Training
- Sunday February 16th 9am-11am

Use code "2025DIABETES" for a discounted conference registration!

NEW!

2024 DPP DPRP Standards Released! Highlights below:

Commitment to Health Equity

Updates made to help improve access to the lifestyle change program for underserved populations including those in rural areas and considerations for cultural diversity and social determinants of health when designing interventions. The CDC defines priority populations to focus recruitment efforts.

Delivery Mode

Organizations can have 5 delivery mode options

1. In person*
2. Distance Learning
3. In person w/ a Distance Learning Component*
4. Online
5. Combination with Online

* Approved MDPP supplier delivery modes

Additionally, can modify between delivery modes when transitioning **from core** to **core maintenance**

Recognition Timelines

- Preliminary and Full recognition no longer have expiration dates
- Preliminary and Full recognition status remains with data submissions every 6 months
- Full Plus recognition expires after 12 months if criteria is not met

Looking for supplies for your DPP patients?

Scan the QR code to sign up for a patient supply bundle which can be picked up at the PPA Annual Meeting!



New & Revised Data Elements

1. Participant zip code
2. Ability to identify patients with hearing or visual impairment, decreased mobility, or other limitations to completing activities of daily living
3. Updates to identification of race and ethnicity

Overwhelmed?!

No worries- check out this Q&A!

Join us on **Sunday 2/16 for the DPP Advanced Coach Training** for a live review!

The CDC provides an enrollment form in **Appendix D of the 2024 DPRP Standards** that captures all required elements.

Don't forget to update your data submission to the 2024 .CSV format to account for the updates!

- **Pending**- successfully submitted application to begin curriculum
- **Preliminary**- submission of at least 12 months of data and one complete cohort of 5 participants
- **Full**- Same as preliminary + participants meet benchmarks of weight loss, physical activity, or HbA1C reduction.
- **Full Plus** - Same as full + increased participants retention and attendance awarding the program an additional 2 years of recognition.

Want to learn more about reimbursement opportunities with DPP?
Check out the [CDC's National DPP Medical Billing Playbook for Pharmacies](#)