



# THE DIABETES SCOOP

## UPCOMING DIABETES PROGRAMMING

### DSMES Express!

Our PPA DSMES Express is coming around again! Last year's group was highly engaged and many submitted their ADCES accreditation applications.

#### Are you looking to expand your diabetes education offerings?

This mixture of asynchronous self studies and live breakout sessions with our highly qualified trainers to expedite your accreditation.

The PPA DSMES Express program is currently **fully subsidized** with CDC grant funding for members (a \$2500 value!), so there is no charge to gain this clinical service! Don't miss your chance to earn continuing education credits while enhancing your pharmacy's clinical offerings.

Next cohort is launching this spring- email [ppa@pharmacists.com](mailto:ppa@pharmacists.com) to join the interest list and receive the training dates!

### DSMES Audit Support

Did you know that the Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists (ADCES) performs random audits of about 5% of accredited DSMES programs each year to ensure they comply with the National Standards for DSMES?

#### Being well-prepared involves:

- Keeping your curriculum up to date
- Maintaining thorough and organized documentation
- Ensuring your program meets the latest standards and ADCES expectations

To assist Pennsylvania DSMES programs, the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association is creating an Audit Preparedness Fact Sheet that will feature:

- Direct links to ADCES FAQs and audit checklists
- Guidance on essential documentation and curriculum requirements
- Instructions for accessing the ADCES Annual Audit Preparedness Webinar

Stay tuned to the PPA Capsule to access these valuable resources and further information.

### DSMES Technology Support

PPA pharmacies with **active ADCES DSMES accreditation** should watch for an upcoming email regarding a technology participation agreement. This initiative will support participating programs with medical billing infrastructure and will include a CDC grant-funded stipend for pharmacies that participate and share program data.

Participation will help strengthen DSMES services while also supporting the collection of important data demonstrating the impact of pharmacist-led diabetes education

# Upcoming Coach and Accreditation Trainings!

## DPP GLB Coach Training!

The Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association (PPA) invites pharmacies to participate in the CDC-recognized Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP), backed by funding from the PA Department of Health.

A reminder that a trained coach does **not** have to be a pharmacist- so poll your **technicians, clerks, and delivery drivers for their interest!**

Through this initiative, your pharmacy can access:

- Two fully sponsored online training registrations (\$1,400 value) in the CDC-approved Group Lifestyle Balance (GLB) curriculum
- Up to \$6,500 in grant-funded reimbursements for program preparation, implementation, and data submission
- Ongoing support through expert coaching, webinars, and resource templates

To participate, pharmacies must complete training, be prepared to start a cohort within 3 months of training, and meet basic data reporting requirements.

We are sponsoring up to two coaches per pharmacy to complete the asynchronous, self-guided American Diabetes Association DPP curriculum. No more scheduling conflicts to attend a training!

Participation is limited and accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Enrollment is supported on an on-going basis and interested participants should email ppa at [ppa@papharmacists.com](mailto:ppa@papharmacists.com) to register

## New Curriculum Book— FREE for PPA DSMES Programs!

Maintaining ADCES accreditation requires using the most up-to-date DSMES curriculum. If you're using the ADCES curriculum, it's time to **upgrade to the 4th Edition.**

Haven't purchased it yet? PPA has you covered! Thanks to funding from the CDC and PA Department of Health, pharmacies can be reimbursed for their curriculum purchase.

**Access the reimbursement form here**, and be sure to update your ADCES online binder with your new curriculum to stay compliant and audit ready.

**Did you know....PPA members can access our exclusive SDOH Conversation Guide to aide pharmacies in starting conversations surrounding social determinants of health (SDOH) for patients eligible for the PPCN\* SDOH screening and referral service. Click HERE to view the guide.**

\*PPCN is a wholly owned subsidiary of the PPA representing over 200 clinically integrated pharmacies working with payers and providers to provide medication management services to patients that help ensure appropriate medication use and offer better outcomes.

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