

Enrollment Open for Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program Suppliers

Dodging diabetes just got a little easier. On April 1, enrollment for the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) suppliers began. This benefit will entitle authorized organizations to provide Centers for Medicaid and Medicare (CMS) Diabetes Prevention Program services. MDPP is an additional preventive service for people with prediabetes who are enrolled in Medicare. The service may be available for up to two years based on a beneficiary's weight loss.

To serve as an MDPP supplier, organizations must meet [MDPP guidelines](#) and obtain interim preliminary or full recognition from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program (DPRP). In North Carolina, there are nearly 17 community organizations including several local health departments that are eligible to offer this service. The potential revenue for successful organizations can offset the cost of delivery.

An estimated 1 in 3 North Carolinians may have prediabetes, and type 2 diabetes accounts for more than 9 in 10 diagnosed diabetes cases in adults.¹ The Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program model is a structured behavior change intervention that aims to prevent the onset of type 2 diabetes among Medicare beneficiaries with an indication of prediabetes.² It also represents the first time that CMS is reimbursing for a service that is often delivered by a community health worker and mostly in non-clinical settings. For more information on prediabetes, visit diabetesfreenc.com. To learn more about MDPP, visit the website for the [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#).

1. North Carolina Division of Public Health. Retrieved March 5, 2018 from diabetesnc.com/facts.php.
2. Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) Expanded Model. Retrieved March 5, 2018 from innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/medicare-diabetes-prevention-program.