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“DSME Program Overview: What a Coordinator Should Know About Reimbursement, Coding, Billing and Referrals”

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Presentation to: Healthcare/Public Health
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Mission
Protecting and preserving the eyes, hearts, kidneys and feet of Georgians living well with diabetes, prediabetes, and gestational diabetes.

Vision
Georgians living well, free of diabetes and its complications, with increased access to quality-oriented diabetes care and healthier options where they live, work, play and learn.
Figure 1. Prevalence of Formal Diabetes Education among Adults with Diabetes by Demographic and Healthcare Coverage Status, Georgia, 2012

*Sample Size too small to produce reliable estimates
^Non-Hispanic

Data Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (2012)
Expanded Chronic Care Model

Elimination of health disparities related to diabetes prevalence, disability, morbidity and mortality.
Essential Services of Public Health (3)
Inform, Educate, and Empower People About Health Issues

Essential Services of Public Health (7)
Link People to Needed Personal Health Services and Assure the Provision of Healthcare (When Otherwise Unavailable)
Diabetes-14

Increase the proportion of persons with diagnosed diabetes who receive formal diabetes education.
Provider Engagement

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Improve lipid control among persons with diagnosed diabetes.

Provider Satisfaction & Feedback Forms
Frequency: Quarterly or Semi-Annual basis
Categories: Primary Care Providers, Specialists (Endocrinologists, Nephrologists, Cardiologists)

Electronic Health Record (EHR)
Frequency: Monthly, Quarterly or Semi-Annual basis
Examine referral patterns or trends, missed appointments, plan of care (POC) and/or medication adjustments based on DSME Program recommendations.
Utilize to identify at what point in patient’s care or condition are most patients being referred by provider type

Provider Education/Reminders: ADA 2014 Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes
Components of the comprehensive diabetes evaluation (Table 7).
Evidence for Benefits of Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support (Section F)
Reimbursement for Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support (Section F)

Patients who participate in DSME (Diabetes Self-Management Education):

- more likely to follow “best practice” treatment recommendations (particularly among the Medicare population)
- possess lower Medicare and commercial claim costs
Patient/Client Engagement & Retention

**Participation**
Ask and track how patients are becoming aware of DSME and/or MNT
Track referral sources by type (hospital discharge process, specialist, etc.)
Encourage patients to share their DSME Program experiences with their provider(s)

**Patient/Client Satisfaction & Feedback Forms**
Frequency: Monthly, Quarterly, Semi-Annual basis
Categories: Younger and Older adults

**Coordination with Patient’s Physician(s)**
Frequency: Following each session, monthly, only when patient miss DSME session
Relevant documents continuously exchanged: plan of care, medication profile, emergency room(ER) or hospital discharge summaries
What type of patients are primarily referred to our DSME Program?

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DSME Program: Additional Resources

Referral Forms & Backgrounder: Summary of DSMT and MNT Benefit requirements

Example:
American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE) Programs

http://www.diabeteseducator.org/DiabetesEducation/Provider_Web_Pages/Make_a_referral.html
Additional Resources

Diabetes is a serious and costly disease that affects both genders and crosses cultural, sociodemographic, and geographical boundaries.

In 2012, approximately 9.9%, or 734,800, Georgia adults were diagnosed with diabetes.¹

Diabetes-Related Complications among Older Adults

Nationally, older adults with diabetes have the highest rates of major lower-extremity amputation, visual impairment, end-stage renal (kidney) disease and heart conditions such as myocardial infarction (MI) of any age group.² Normal aging and diabetes, and conditions such as functional and cognitive impairments that impair function are associated with a higher risk of falls and fractures. A potential cause of functional impairment in diabetes may include interaction between coexisting medical conditions, peripheral neuropathy, vision and hearing difficulty, and gait (walking) and balance problems.³

Moreover, peripheral neuropathy, present in 50–70% of older patients with diabetes, increases the risk of postural instability, balance problems, and muscle atrophy, limiting physical activity and increasing the risk of falls.⁴ Older adults are at high risk for the development of type 2 diabetes due to the combined effects of increasing insulin resistance and other impaired functions associated with aging.⁵

2013 Diabetes Self-Management Report

We Protect Lives.
[For Professionals: Guiding Principles for the Care of People With or At Risk for Diabetes (November 12, 2014)](http://ndep.nih.gov/hcp-businesses-and-schools/guiding-principles/)

[For Professionals: AADE Accredited Diabetes Self-Management Education (DSME) Programs](http://www.diabeteseducator.org/ProfessionalResources/accred/)

[For Professionals: American Diabetes Association (ADA) Diabetes Education Recognition Programs](http://professional.diabetes.org/Default.aspx)
Additional Resources

2014 Georgia Diabetes Community Resource Guide

Featuring Diabetes and Chronic Disease Self-Management Education Programs, Care and Support Resources For Georgians with Diabetes, Prediabetes and Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM)

Diabetes, Prediabetes and Gestational Diabetes in Georgia

This Georgia Diabetes Community Resource guide provides a general listing of services and resources for Georgians diagnosed with diabetes, prediabetes (also known as borderline diabetes) or gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM), their loved ones as well as healthcare and public health professionals providing care and support to them.

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Establishing a DSME Program

- Accreditation through American Diabetes Association (ADA) or American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE)
  - professional.diabetes.org (ADA Education Recognition Program)
  - diabeteseducator.org/professionalresources (Diabetes Education Accreditation Program)
Establishing a DSME Program

- Where can a DSME program be established?
  - Any entity that provides DSME is eligible to apply through ADA or AADE

- Who can be a provider?
  - One or more instructors will provide DSME and, when applicable, DSMS. At least one of the instructors responsible for designing and planning DSME and DSMS will be a registered nurse, registered dietitian, or pharmacist with training and experience pertinent to DSME, or another professional with certification in diabetes care and education, such as a CDE or BC-ADM. Other health workers can contribute to DSME and provide DSMS with appropriate training in diabetes and with supervision and support. From 2012 Revised National Standards for Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support.
What Next?

- Market your program to local healthcare providers
  - Build up your accreditation status which allows you to bill for insurance.
  - Focus on benefits of sending patients to a DSME program which provides COMPREHENSIVE education.
  - Encourage providers to send patients at diagnosis!
  - Provide feedback to referring practitioners by sending your education documentation.
The Referral Process

- Referral required for patient to participate in DSME program. This allows clinic to bill insurance.
- Referral should come from physician and other healthcare providers (NP, PA) per your state and facility guidelines.
- Referral form should include diagnosis and services ordered (DSME and/or MNT)
- Example referral form can be eatright.org – members section
Content Areas Provided in a DSME Program

- **10 content areas**
  - Pathophysiology
  - Monitoring
  - Nutrition
  - Medications
  - Physical activity
  - Acute complications
  - Chronic complications
  - Psychosocial adjustment
  - Goal setting
  - Preconception/pregnancy management or GDM
The DSME Process

- **Assessment**
  - Anthropometric data, A1C (if applicable), knowledge (pre-test), mental health screening, quality of life screening, readiness to change, medications, eating and exercise behaviors, SMBG. Don’t forget to assess literacy and numeracy skills!

- **Planning**
  - Determine best educational strategies to meet patient needs

- **Evaluation**
  - Anthropometric data, A1C, knowledge (post-test), changes in behavior
MNT in Diabetes Care

- Nutrition Care Process (ADIME)
  - Nutrition Assessment
  - Diagnosis
  - Intervention
  - Monitoring/Evaluation
Diabetes Self-Management Education/Training and Medical Nutrition Therapy Services Order Form

Patient Information

Patient’s Last Name                   First Name                   Middle

Date of Birth    /    /    Gender: □ Male   □ Female

Address                  City                  State                  Zip Code

Home Phone                Other Phone              E-mail address

Diabetes self-management education and training (DSME/T) and medical nutrition therapy (MNT) are individual and complementary services to improve diabetes care. Both services can be ordered in the same year. Research indicates MNT combined with DSME/T improves outcomes.

Diabetes Self-Management Education/Training (DSME/T)

Check type of training services and number of hours requested

□ Initial group DSME/T:     □ 10 hours or    ____ no. hrs. requested
□ Follow-up DSME/T:        □ 2 hours or     ____ no. hrs. requested
□ Telehealth

Patients with special needs requiring individual (1 on 1) DSME/T

Check all special needs that apply:

□ Vision              □ Hearing              □ Physical
□ Cognitive Impairment □ Language Limitations
□ Additional training □ Additional hrs requested ____
□ Telehealth          □ Other __________________

DSME/T Content

□ Monitoring diabetes □ Diabetes as disease process
□ Psychological adjustment □ Physical activity
□ Nutritional management □ Goal setting, problem solving
□ Medications          □ Prevent, detect and treat acute complications
□ Preconception/pregnancy management or GDM

Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT)

Check the type of MNT and/or number of additional hours requested

□ Initial MNT          □ 3 hours or    ____ no. hrs. requested
□ Annual follow-up MNT □ 2 hours or     ____ no. hrs. requested
□ Telehealth
□ Additional MNT services in the same calendar year, per RD

Additional hrs. requested ______________

Please specify change in medical condition, treatment and/or diagnosis:

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Medicare coverage: 3 hrs initial MNT in the first calendar year, plus 2 hrs follow-up MNT annually. Additional MNT hours available for change in medical condition, treatment and/or diagnosis.
Part 2

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**Medicare coverage:** 10 hrs initial DSMT in 12 month period from the date of first class or visit

**DIAGNOSIS**

Please send recent labs for patient eligibility & outcomes monitoring

- Type 1
- Type 2
- Gestational

Diagnosis code __________________________

**Complications/Comorbidities**

Check all that apply:

- Hypertension
- Dyslipidemia
- Stroke
- Neuropathy
- PVD
- Kidney disease
- Retinopathy
- CHD
- Non-healing wound
- Pregnancy
- Obesity
- Mental/affective disorder

Other __________________________

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**Definition of Diabetes (Medicare)**

Medicare coverage of DSMT and MNT requires the physician to provide documentation of a diagnosis of diabetes based on one of the following:

- A fasting blood sugar greater than or equal to 126 mg/dl on two different occasions;
- A 2 hour post-glucose challenge greater than or equal to 200 mg/dl on 2 different occasions; or
- A random glucose test over 200 mg/dl for a person with symptoms of uncontrolled diabetes.


Other payors may have other coverage requirements.

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Signature and NPI # __________________________ Date ______/_____/_____

Group/practice name, address and phone: __________________________

How many hours of DSME are allowed (per Medicare) after initial diagnosis of diabetes?
How many hours of MNT are allowed (per Medicare) after initial diagnosis of diabetes?
Incorporating DSME/MNT

- Physician referral for requested services
  - DSME/T
    - 10 hours education first year. 1 hour may be individual, 9 hours group
    - 2 hours follow-up training each year thereafter
  - MNT
    - 3 hours in first year. 2 hours each year thereafter
  - DSME/MNT
    - Complementary services to improve patient outcomes
Medicare regulation requires that DSME be conducted in a group setting unless:

- No group session is available within 2 months
- The individual had severe vision, language and hearing limitations
- If the education assessment indicates that the individual session would better meet the needs of the patient
What is the code used to bill group DSME?
Billing and Reimbursement

- **Diabetes codes**
  - G0108 (individual training)
  - G0109 (group training)
  - Code per insurer (insulin pump training)
  - 95250 (continuous glucose monitor training)

- **MNT codes**
  - 97802 (assessment)
  - 97803 (reassessment)
  - 97804 (group training)
Probing Question

- Documentation of diabetes self-management education....
  a) Is a one time event
  b) Should capture immediate outcomes, but not long term outcomes
  c) Is not protected by HIPPA
  d) Should occur at every step in the DSME process
Coordination of care between referring physician and DSME program is key!

The Art and Science of Diabetes Self-Management Education. 2010

BRodriguez. The Emory Diabetes Course. 2014
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