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OBJECTIVES FOR TODAY

• Describe the purpose and contents of the Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support (DSMES) Toolkit
• Explain the benefits of becoming an accredited or recognized DSMES provider
• Locate resources in the DSMES Toolkit to support DSMES accreditation or recognition, and quality improvement
• Describe the benefits of integrating DSMES into shared medical appointments
• Identify at least three barriers to DSMES participation and tips for overcoming them
• Identify strategies to increase DSMES referrals and participation
THE DSMES TOOLKIT: YOUR ONE-STOP SHOP FOR SUCCESSFUL DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT EDUCATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES

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DIABETES BY THE NUMBERS

- 30 million U.S. adults have diabetes.
- 1 in 4 don’t know they have it.
- Diabetes is the 7th leading cause of death in the U.S.
- Diabetes is the number one cause of kidney failure, lower-limb amputations, and adult blindness.
- In the last 20 years, the number of adults with diabetes has more than tripled.
- Medical costs and lost work and wages for people with diagnosed diabetes total $327 billion yearly.

Source: https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/basics/quick-facts.html
Diabetes is common and costly, but with better health management, people with diabetes can live longer and healthier lives with reduced risks for complications.
DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT EDUCATION AND SUPPORT (DSMES) DEFINED

• The ongoing process of facilitating the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for diabetes self-care

• Incorporates the needs, goals, and life experiences of the person with diabetes, and is guided by evidence-based standards

WHY DSMES?

• People with diabetes (PWD) must make a multitude of daily self-care decisions and perform complex self-management activities.

• DSMES provides the foundation to help PWD navigate these daily self-care decisions/activities and has been shown to improve health outcomes.

DSMES Algorithm of Care for Type 2 Diabetes

**BENEFITS OF DSMES**

- Multiple studies have demonstrated benefits and cost savings.
- Reduction in
  - A1c levels
  - Hospital and ER visits
  - Health care costs

DSMES UTILIZATION

- Current utilization rates are low.
  - 6.8% of individuals with newly diagnosed type 2 diabetes with private health insurance received DSMES within 12 months of diagnosis.
  - 4% of Medicare participants received DSMES and/or medical nutrition therapy.

Source: https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6346a2.htm
DISCUSSION QUESTION

If DSMES represents some of our best science on improving health outcomes for people with diabetes, why is it so underutilized?
PROGRAMMATIC BARRIERS TO DSMES

• Limited clinical professionals in the area
• Difficulty attaining or maintaining adequate volume (e.g., rural populations)
• Program participants with limited financial resources
• Limited reimbursement/low reimbursement rates
• Administrative or resource challenges associated with starting and maintaining a DSMES service recognized by the American Diabetes Association (ADA) or accredited by the American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE)
• Limited resources for administrative and marketing activities
• Lack of support for DSMES among health care administrators
• Unknowns associated with the impact of health care policy
• Lack of reimbursement for community health workers assisting with DSMES

HEALTH CARE PROVIDER BARRIERS TO DSMES

- Lack of knowledge about DSMES
- Lack of awareness about local DSMES services
- Lack of availability of local DSMES services
- Lack of a perceived need to refer to DSMES services (e.g., diabetes education offered in a provider’s practice)
- Confusion about referrals
- Daunting referral form and paperwork
- Lack of provider reimbursement for counseling and interventions
- Lack of provider understanding of reimbursement procedures
- Concerns about insurance issues or cost to the person with diabetes
- Previous negative experiences with referring to DSMES services
- Lack of relationships between hospitals and community DSMES services

INDIVIDUAL BARRIERS TO DSMES

- Lack of knowledge about DSMES services
- Lack of knowledge about the benefits of DSMES services
- Lack of access to DSMES services, especially in rural areas
- Inconvenient DSMES service times or locations (e.g., lack of evening or weekend classes)
- Unwillingness to participate in group classes
- Lack of linguistically or culturally tailored services, curricula, and/or staff
- Lack of insurance or prohibitive cost and/or copayment
- Lack of family support
- Competing demands for time and attention
- Lack of transportation or child care

OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO DSMES ACCESS AND UTILIZATION

• Collective effort needed across sectors to:
  o Improve awareness of DSMES importance and effectiveness
  o Educate health care providers on how/when to refer
    ▪ Automate referrals in the electronic health record (EHR) where possible
  o Expand reimbursement/improve reimbursement rates
  o Improve patient access and efficacy
    ▪ Program locations/availability/timing of classes
    ▪ Patient cost/co-pays
    ▪ Cultural/language adaptations

Source: https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/dsmes-toolkit/referrals-participation/index
CDC DSMES EFFORTS

Increase access to, participation in, and health benefit coverage for DSMES—-with emphasis on ADA-recognized and AADE-accredited programs that meet national quality standards.
DSMES PROJECTS AT CDC

• DSMES Branding
  o Collaboration with ADA and AADE to develop a compelling and consistent brand for DSMES
    o Enable organizations to market their programs more effectively and increase enrollment in DSMES

• DSMES Coverage
  o Website profiling health insurance coverage laws, by state, for DSME/T (Training)

• State Health Department Support
  o Fund work with cross-sectoral partners to increase access to, use of, and health benefit coverage for DSMES

• New DSMES toolkit
NEW DSMES TOOLKIT FOR PROFESSIONALS

• Diabetes Educators (RDNs, RNs, PharmDs, CDEs)

• State/local public health and other stakeholders working to increase access to DSMES

• Health care providers seeking to refer patients with diabetes to DSMES services

• www.dsmes.org
We can turn the tide on the epidemic of diabetes in the United States.
It is time to put science into action.

The DSMES Toolkit is your first stop for finding tools and resources to make a difference in the lives of people with diabetes.
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• Helps strengthen diabetes management and type 2 diabetes prevention programs

• Holds a BA in Sociology and a Masters of Public Health in Behavioral Science and Health Education
BACKGROUND: THE TOOLKIT

• The goal of the Toolkit is to increase access to quality DSMES programs that meet the National Standards for Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support.

• This will be accomplished through:
  o Identifying tools and resources to educate public health and health care providers/professionals about DSMES and its importance.
  o Compiling resources for DSMES service referrals, delivery, sustainability, and reimbursement.
  o Articulating and promoting the financial business case for DSMES to payers and employers.
PURPOSE OF THE TOOLKIT

• Communicate the evidence supporting DSMES, including the clinical and economic benefits.

• Help individuals understand the process for establishing DSMES services that meet minimum standards and are eligible for reimbursement.

• Provide resources and tools to facilitate becoming a recognized or accredited DSMES service.

• Describe common barriers to DSMES usage and referral, and provide tips for overcoming these barriers.

• Provide resources and tools to facilitate sustainability of DSMES services.
PURPOSE OF THE TOOLKIT

• Provide resources and tools for members of the diabetes and public health/health care community describing:
  o DSMES background, terminology, and benefits
  o National Standards for DSMES
  o Accreditation and recognition processes
  o Ways to increase referrals and overcome barriers to access
  o Service staffing and delivery models
  o Resources for building the business case for DSMES
  o Marketing and promotion
  o Reimbursement and sustainability
TOOLKIT AUDIENCES

• State health departments and their partners
• Diabetes educators
• DSMES services
• Diabetes councils/coalitions
• Health care providers
• Community organizations
STAKEHOLDER INPUT

• Content was informed by an external advisory committee (ADA, AADE, and other health care and public health professionals)

• The toolkit was tested with key stakeholders and revised based on feedback:
  • 6 State Health Departments (California, Kentucky, Michigan, North Carolina, North Dakota, and Tennessee)
  • Local Health Department
  • Federally Qualified Health Center
  • Pharmacy
  • CDC: Pharmacist-CDE, Diabetes Educator, Project Officer, Endocrinologist

Note: tested with a mix of ADA-recognized/AADE-accredited services
A Comprehensive Resource for Achieving Success in Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support

Background, Terminology and Benefits
Learn about the need for, terms used and benefits of diabetes self-management education and support.

The National Standards for DSMES
Find out how the standards define quality, evidence-based DSMES services that meet or exceed the Medicare diabetes self-management training regulations.

Accreditation and Recognition Process
Learn about the processes necessary to gain accreditation or recognition for DSMES services.

Increasing Referrals and Overcoming Barriers
Find tools and resources to address common issues for DSMES services.

Service Staffing and Delivery Models
Learn about traditional and non-traditional ways to implement DSMES services.

Reimbursement and Sustainability
Find resources on billing, coding and reimbursement for DSMES services.

Marketing and Promotion
Learn how to develop marketing and promotion plans for DSMES services.

Building the Business Case for DSMES
Find resources to create a business plan for sustainable DSMES services.
TEST YOUR DSMES KNOWLEDGE

BACKGROUND, TERMINOLOGY, AND BENEFITS
TEST YOUR DSMES KNOWLEDGE

NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR DSMES
BACKGROUND, TERMINOLOGY, AND BENEFITS SECTION

- Overview of diabetes burden
- Overview of benefits of DSMES
- Terms and acronyms used
- How DSMES supports behavior change
NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR DSMES SECTION

- Tools and resources to support implementation of each standard
- AADE and ADA interpretations of each standard

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Find out how the standards define quality, evidence-based DSMES services that meet or exceed the Medicare diabetes self-management training regulations.
TEST YOUR DSMES KNOWLEDGE

ACCREDITATION AND RECOGNITION PROCESS
ACCREDITATION AND RECOGNITION PROCESS SECTION

- Comparison of ADA and AADE processes
- Requirements for each standard
- AADE and ADA accreditation/recognition information
TEST YOUR DSMES SKILLS

INCREASING REFERRALS AND OVERCOMING BARRIERS
INCREASING REFERRALS AND OVERCOMING BARRIERS SECTION

- Referral process
- Educating providers
- Establishing a referral network
- Empowering people with diabetes to participate in DSMES
- Overcoming barriers
- Importance of follow-up
TEST YOUR DSMES KNOWLEDGE

SERVICE STAFFING AND DELIVERY MODELS
SERVICE STAFFING AND DELIVERY MODELS SECTION

- DSMES settings
- Multidisciplinary teams
TEST YOUR DSMES KNOWLEDGE

REIMBURSEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY
REIMBURSEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY SECTION

- Identifying benefit policies and coverage guidelines
- Medicare reimbursement guidelines for Diabetes Self-Management Training (DSMT)
- Federally qualified health centers
- Medical nutrition therapy
- Planning for sustainability
TEST YOUR DSMES KNOWLEDGE

MARKETING AND PROMOTION

✓ MARKETING
✓ ADVERTISING
✓ COMMUNICATION
✓ PUBLIC RELATIONS
✓ NETWORKING
MARKETING AND PROMOTION SECTION

- Resources for marketing and promotion

Marketing and Promotion
Learn how to develop marketing and promotion plans for DSMES services.
TESTING YOUR DSMES KNOWLEDGE

BUILDING THE BUSINESS CASE FOR DSMES
BUILDING THE BUSINESS CASE FOR DSMES SECTION

- Making the case to employers and insurers
- Value of DSMES
- Value of diabetes educators
- Return on investment
- Linking to quality measures
- Creating a business plan
• Save time finding information and resources on DSMES.
• Bookmark the toolkit today.
• Share it with your colleagues.

The DSMES Toolkit is Your First Stop for all things DSMES!
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