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Diabetes Self-Management Training (DSMT) Certified Diabetic Educator

Important Note: Medicare will only pay claims for DME if the ordering physician and DME supplier are actively enrolled in Medicare on the date of service. Physicians and suppliers have to meet strict standards to enroll and stay enrolled in Medicare. If you are not enrolled on the date the prescription is filled or re-filled, Medicare will not pay the submitted claims. It is also important to tell the Medicare beneficiary if you are not participating in Medicare before you order DME. If you do not have an active record, please see the following fact sheet containing information on how to **enroll, revalidate your enrollment and/or make a change:** https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/MedEnroll_PhysOther_FactSheet_ICN903768.pdf on the CMS website.

Note: The article was revised on December 21, 2015, to include the "Important Note" above. All other information remains unchanged.

Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (carriers, Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), and/or A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)) for DSMT services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

Impact on Providers

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 6510 which recognizes the American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE) as an approved Diabetes Self-Management Training (DSMT) national accreditation organization. CR 6510 also implements the following exception for DSMT in rural areas: an individual who is qualified as a

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registered dietitian and as a certified diabetic educator who is currently certified by an organization approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) may furnish training and is deemed to meet the multidisciplinary team requirement.

Background

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced in their Final Notice published in the Federal Register (Volume 74, February 27, 2009) that the American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE) is approved as a national accreditation organization to furnish DSMT and is recognized as a national accrediting organization for accrediting entities to furnish outpatient DSMT to Medicare beneficiaries. See the Federal Register (V74, February 27, 2009) at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2009-02-27/pdf/E9-3287.pdf> on the Internet.

Providers and suppliers of DSMT services may submit requests for accreditation through the AADE, and Medicare contractors shall recognize the AADE as an approving entity for the DSMT program billable through Medicare.

In addition, if providers/suppliers had a valid AADE certificate disapproved by their Medicare contractor, they may ask their contractor to reprocess that application.

CR 6510 also amended the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (Chapter 15 (Covered Medical and Other Health Services)) to clarify that there is an exception for who can provide DSMT in a rural area as follows:

*“...Registered dietitians are eligible to bill on behalf of an entire DSMT program on or after January 1, 2002, as long as the provider has obtained a Medicare provider number. A dietitian may not be the sole provider of the DSMT service. **There is an exception for rural areas. In a rural area, an individual who is qualified as a registered dietitian and as a certified diabetic educator who is currently certified by an organization approved by CMS may furnish training and is deemed to meet the multidisciplinary team requirement.**”*

See the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 42, Chapter IV, Section 410.144(a)(4)(C)(ii) which describes the exception for DSMT in rural areas at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2008-title42-vol2/pdf/CFR-2008-title42-vol2-sec410-144.pdf> on the Internet.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 6510, issued to your carrier, FI, and A/B MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R109BP.pdf> on the CMS website. If you

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have any questions, please contact your carrier, FI, or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

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December 21, 2015	The article was revised to include the "Important Note" near the top of page 1.
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