



Provider Inquiry Assistance

Diabetes Self-Management Training (DSMT) Certified Diabetic Educator – JA6510

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Contractors Affected

- Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)
- Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)
- Medicare Carriers

Provider Types Affected

Physicians , providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Carriers, FIs, and/or A/B MACs for DSMT services provided to Medicare beneficiaries



- Change Request (CR) 6510 recognizes the American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE) as an approved DSMT national accreditation organization and amends 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.
- An individual, who is qualified as a 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.

Provider Needs to Know...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providers and suppliers of DSMT services may submit requests for accreditation through the AADE. • Medicare contractors will recognize the AADE as an approving entity for the DSMT program billable through Medicare. • If providers/suppliers had a valid AADE certificate disapproved by their Medicare contractor, they may ask their contractor to reprocess that application. • The <i>Medicare Benefit Policy Manual</i> (Chapter 15 (Covered Medical and Other Health Services)) is amended to clarify that there is an exception for who can provide DSMT in a rural area as follows: <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p>“...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.</p> <p>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 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) may furnish training and is deemed to meet the multidisciplinary team requirement.”</p> </div> • Providers may view the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42, Chapter IV, Section 410.144(a)(4)(C)(ii), which describes the exception for DSMT in rural areas, at http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/cfr_2008/octqtr/pdf/42cfr410.144.pdf on the Internet.
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Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMS announced in their Final Notice published in the Federal Register (Volume 74, February 27, 2009) that the 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. • Providers may view the Federal Register (V74, February 27, 2009) at http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-3287.pdf on the Internet.
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Operational Impact	N/A
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Reference Materials	<p>The related MLN Matters® article can be found at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6510.pdf on the CMS website.</p> <p>The official instruction (CR6510) regarding this change may be viewed at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R109BP.pdf on the CMS website.</p>
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