



MEDICARE DRUG & HEALTH PLAN CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION GROUP

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TO: Medicare Advantage Organizations
Section 1833 and 1876 Cost Plans
Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly Organizations

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SUBJECT: Coverage of Part B Services: Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program
Expanded Model

This memorandum serves as a reminder that Medicare Advantage organizations, Section 1833 and 1876 Cost Plans, and Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly Organizations must cover all Parts A and B items and services for eligible enrollees, including services under the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) expanded model.

The MDPP expanded model became effective on April 1, 2018, and is a Medicare Part B covered service. All requirements associated with the MDPP expanded model, including the effective date, supplier eligibility rules, and benefit-specific criteria, apply to MA organizations, Section 1833 and 1876 Cost Plans, and Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. Medicare Advantage plans and PACE organizations must either contract with Medicare-enrolled MDPP suppliers to provide MDPP services to their enrollees, cover out-of-network services, or enroll in Medicare as an MDPP supplier to provide the services directly to enrollees.

Recent Updates to the MDPP Expanded Model

On October 31, 2025, CMS issued a final rule announcing policy changes for Medicare payments under the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS), effective January 1, 2026. Changes to the MDPP were aimed towards increasing the enrollment of this important prevention-focused program while empowering beneficiaries and promoting further alignment between MDPP and the CDC Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program (DPRP) Standards. These changes expand delivery options and reduce barriers, making it easier for eligible beneficiaries to access MDPP services nationwide.

Finalized changes include:

- Testing the inclusion of an asynchronous, Online delivery modality through December 31, 2029;
- Extending the flexibilities allowed during the PHE for COVID-19 through December 31, 2029, including the option for MDPP suppliers to deliver some or all MDPP sessions via distance learning;

- Clarifying that MDPP suppliers are not required to maintain in-person delivery capability through December 31, 2029;
- Adding and updating key definitions, including Live Coach Interaction, Online Delivery Period, Online Session, and Online;
- Simplifying weight collection requirements to reduce operational barriers for beneficiaries and suppliers; and
- Introducing a new G-code and payment for Online only sessions (G9871) to the list of HCPCS G-Codes that will be accepted for MDPP service dates from January 1st, 2026 and later.

In addition, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 ([H.R. 7148](#)) was signed into law on February 3, 2026, and eliminates MDPP's once per lifetime limit through December 31, 2029.

Additional resources about MDPP can be found on the following webpages:

- [MDPP Expanded Model Website](#)
- [MDPP Supplier Resource Page](#)
- [MDPP Fact Sheet on Medicare Advantage for MDPP Suppliers](#)

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