

## Medicare DPP Supplier Guidance During COVID-19

Visit the CMS Coverage Toolkit website <https://coveragetoolkit.org/medicare-advantage/mdpp-final-rule/> for an outline and helpful links to the CMS MDPP pages and resources.

COVID-19 Guidance:

On March 31, 2020, CMS issued temporary changes to the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Many of your questions can be answered by reviewing the Interim Final Rule (IFC), which provides detailed information on the regulatory changes. Please click on the link below to access the IFC. Once the document is open, please search for "MDPP".

Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Policy and Regulatory Revisions in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency - Interim Final Rule:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/04/06/2020-06990/medicare-and-medicaid-programs-policy-and-regulatory-revisions-in-response-to-the-covid-19-public>

Additional Resources:

Participants in the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program: CMS Flexibilities to Fight COVID-19:

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-medicare-diabetes-prevention-program.pdf>

Coronavirus Waivers & Flexibilities:

<https://www.cms.gov/about-cms/emergency-preparedness-response-operations/current-emergencies/coronavirus-waivers>

The MDPP team thanks you for your patience during this unprecedented time. We will provide additional updates as they become available.

**Questions?** Reach out to our team by submitting your inquiry to the MDPP Supplier Support Center portal at <https://cmsorg.force.com/mdpp/>. Stay up to date on all things MDPP with the MDPP [listserv](#).

Want to help people with Medicare stay healthy and prevent diabetes? Become a [Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program \(MDPP\)](#) supplier. As a supplier, you'll help people with Medicare make lasting behavior changes through group-based training & individual support. Read below for more information on how to become an MDPP Supplier.

## **STEPS TO BECOME A MEDICARE DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM SUPPLIER:**

### **1. Achieve CDC Recognition**

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**Apply to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program (DPRP).** Submit an application online to become a CDC-recognized organization. The process is handled by CDC.

**Offer the program for 12 months.** Offer group-based sessions to help participants eat healthier, lose weight, and increase physical activity. Track and report participants' attendance, weight loss, and exercise minutes.

**Submit evaluation data to CDC every 6 months.** Continue to track and report participants' progress. Your organization can achieve Preliminary or Full recognition after 12 months by meeting certain standards, such as participant attendance and weight loss.

For more information and to apply, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/prevention/lifestyle-program/requirements.html>

### **2. Apply to Become a Supplier**

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**Once you get Preliminary or Full CDC recognition, then you can apply to become an MDPP Supplier.** Submit an application online or complete a print application to enroll a supplier. The approval process usually takes at least 80 days and is handled by Medicare.

**Provide Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program Services.** Offer group-based sessions and coaching using a CDC-approved curriculum to help beneficiaries learn how to get more exercise, choose healthy foods, and lose weight.

**Bill Medicare.** Submit claims to Medicare and get paid up to \$670 when participants meet attendance and weight loss goals over the course of 2 years of sessions.

For more information and to enroll as an MDPP Supplier visit <http://go.cms.gov/mdpp>.