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SUBJECT Corrected - Diabetes Prevention Program Enrollment in the Medical Assistance Program		BY  Sally A. Kozak, Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs

IMPORTANT REMINDER: All providers must revalidate the Medical Assistance (MA) enrollment of each service location every 5 years. Providers should log into PROMISE to check the revalidation dates of each service location and submit revalidation applications at least 60 days prior to the revalidation dates. Enrollment (revalidation) applications may be found at:
http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/promise/enrollmentinformation/S_001994.

PURPOSE:

This bulletin is to inform providers that Diabetes Prevention Programs (DPP) may enroll in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program to allow them to participate as network providers in the MA managed care plans. This bulletin also provides information on how to complete and submit an enrollment application. This bulletin corrects an error in MA Bulletin 99-19-03, issued July 2, 2019, which listed an incorrect Provider Type and Specialty Code combination for DPP providers. The specialty has been corrected in this bulletin.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to DPPs seeking to enroll in the MA Program to render services in the MA managed care delivery system. Questions pertaining to payment for services rendered in the managed care delivery system should be directed to the appropriate managed care organization (MCO).

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

In Pennsylvania, 9.8% of the MA population is diagnosed with type II diabetes. Additionally, 22.4% of the MA population has a diagnosis associated with prediabetes, including abnormal or impaired blood glucose and obesity. If not addressed, these conditions can lead to heart disease, some cancers, and other limiting physical health issues. Individuals with prediabetes can prevent or delay the onset of type II diabetes through lifestyle changes including improving eating habits and increasing physical activity.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The appropriate toll free number for your provider type

Visit the Office of Medical Assistance Programs Web site at
<http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/healthcaremedicalassistance/index.htm>

The National Diabetes Prevention Program (National DPP) is a partnership of public and private organizations working to prevent or delay the onset of type II diabetes by offering a lifestyle change program. Lifestyle change programs focus on teaching participants to eat healthier, add physical activity to their daily routine, and improve coping skills. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recognizes programs that meet certain program standards.

Information on the CDC's National DPP can be found by following the website link: <https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/prevention/index.html>.

DPP services are not a State Plan service and are not covered for MA beneficiaries in the fee-for-service delivery system (FFS); therefore, the Department of Human Services (Department) is not enrolling DPPs to participate in and bill for services under FFS. However, MCOs in the MA managed care delivery system have the option to provide additional services to MA beneficiaries that are not covered in FFS.

In accordance with Federal Medicaid requirements at 42 CFR §§ 438.602(b) and 438.608(b), DPPs who wish to participate as MCO network providers to render services to MA beneficiaries in the managed care delivery system must be enrolled in the MA Program.

State Medicaid Agencies are required to assign providers to the same or higher risk category applicable under Medicare. See Medicaid Provider Enrollment Compendium, Section 1.3.D.1, which can be found at: <https://www.medicaid.gov/affordable-care-act/downloads/program-integrity/mpec-6232017.pdf>. Newly enrolling DPPs in Medicare are assigned as "high-risk" providers as identified at 42 CFR § 424.518(c). Initial MA enrollment for DPPs not enrolled in Medicare or another State's Medicaid Program or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) are subject to the requirements at 42 CFR § 455.450, which include onsite visits, Federal and State criminal background checks, and the submission of fingerprints. Criminal background checks and fingerprint requirements will extend to any person with a five percent ownership or controlling interest in the DPP.

For DPPs enrolled in Medicare or another State's Medicaid or CHIP programs, the MA program may rely on the results of provider screening conducted by Medicare or another state's Medicaid or CHIP program, including the results of fingerprint-based criminal background checks as allowed by 42 CFR § 455.410(c).

PROCEDURE:

The Department will enroll CDC recognized DPPs to provide services in the MA managed care delivery system. DPPs will be enrolled as Vendors with a DPP specialty as follows:

Provider Type	Specialty Code	Specialty Code Description
55	223	Diabetes Prevention Program

To enroll, the DPP must provide a Copy of Certificate or Determination Letter demonstrating the DPP has attained Preliminary or Full Diabetes Prevention Recognition Status from the CDC or proof that the program is enrolled in the Medicare program as a Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program Supplier.

DPPs must enroll electronically as a facility and pay the application fee. Additionally, each office location must be enrolled. The office location is a physical location associated with a DPP supplier's operations, from where coaches are dispatched or based, whether or not. DPP services are furnished at the location. These office locations are referred to as "administrative locations" in the Medicare program. See 42 CFR § 424.205(a).

Information on how to complete and submit an enrollment application may be viewed by accessing the Enrollment Information page on the Department's website at the following link: <https://provider.enrollment.dpw.state.pa.us>.

OBSOLETE BULLETIN

MA Bulletin 99-19-03, titled "Diabetes Prevention Program Enrollment in the Medical Assistance Program" issued July 2, 2019, is obsolete with the issuance of this bulletin.