



Recognizing Physicians for Excellence in Diabetes Care

Providing excellent care to patients is your highest priority, but providing top-quality diabetes care in today's environment is more challenging than ever. As the practice of diabetes care evolves, how can you assure yourself and your patients that the care you're providing is second to none?

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and the American Diabetes Association (ADA) have developed the Diabetes Physician Recognition Program.

Achieving Recognition gives you the distinction of being identified as a high-quality physician and demonstrates that you are on the leading edge of quality care delivery.

Dedicated to Promoting Quality Health Care

The Diabetes Physician Recognition Program was developed to help physicians use evidence-based measures and provide excellent care to patients with diabetes. Recognized Physicians are rewarded for taking the steps needed to ensure high-quality care—by identifying patients already getting the care according to the standards and by going the extra mile to identify patients who would benefit from additional interventions.

Set Yourself Apart

Recognition demonstrates to your patients you are giving the best care possible. In turn, you earn increased respect from your peers and patients, and distinguish yourself as a leader in your community. That is why NCQA Physician Recognition programs have been embraced by more than 10,000 of the nation's leading physicians and practices who have already earned this distinction.

Evidence-Based Measures Used to Evaluate Performance

The requirements represent nationally accepted measures of care for patients with diabetes. Evaluating a sample of your patients against these requirements provides you with valuable information about your patients and your practice.

About Diabetes

- **Diabetes affects an estimated 21 million Americans or 7% of the population — 15 million have been diagnosed with the disease, leaving almost one third unaware that they have diabetes.¹**
- **About 177,000 people under the age of 20 have diabetes, and one in every 400 to 600 children and adolescents has Type 1 diabetes.² Complications from diabetes include heart disease and stroke, and more new incidences of blindness are associated with diabetes than with any other condition.³**



Diabetes Requirements and Scoring

American Board of Family Medicine Diplomates
ABIM allows physicians to simultaneously complete the Diabetes Performance Improvement Module (PIM) and seek NCQA/ADA DPRP Recognition.

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ABFM accepts DPRP Recognition as credit towards the physician's maintenance of certification.

Diabetes Recognition Measures	Threshold (% of patients in sample)	Weight
HbA1c Control >9.0%*	≤15%	15.0
HbA1c Control <7.0 %	40%	10.0
Blood Pressure Control ≥140/90 mm Hg*	≤35%	15.0
Blood Pressure Control <130/80 mm Hg	25%	10.0
LDL Control ≥130 mg/dl*	≤37%	10.0
LDL Control <100 mg/dl	36%	10.0
Eye Examination	60%	10.0
Foot Examination	80%	5.0
Nephropathy Assessment	80%	5.0
Smoking Status & Cessation Advice or Treatment	80%	10.0
Total Points		100.0
Points Needed to Achieve Recognition		75.0

*Denotes poor control.

Small and Large Practices Can Participate

Simply select a start date, identify the number of eligible patients required for your practice size, collect appropriate data from their charts and input into the electronic submission form. You then submit your data for review and receive notification of your Recognition within 30 days.

Getting Started

1. Order Free Application Packet: Call NCQA Customer Support at 888.275.7585 or visit www.ncqa.org/dprp.

2. Purchase the Workbook and Standards and Guidelines: The Workbook is an Excel file that enables you to collect and submit your data for evaluation and is available to purchase online or through NCQA Customer Support.

3. Identify Patient Sample, Enter Data in Excel Workbook, and Evaluate Your Performance: Abstract data for your

patient sample and enter it into the Workbook. The Workbook automatically scores your performance and lets you know if you meet the Diabetes Recognition Program requirements.

4. Mail in Signed and Dated Agreements and Application Fees: Review and mail in two signed copies of the NCQA Agreement and the Business Associate Addendum along with your Application Fee and completed Application Materials.

5. Submit Application Materials: Download the completed Workbook onto a CD and mail to NCQA.

6. Receive Recognition Decision: NCQA evaluates your Workbook information and when complete, provides you notification of your results within 30 days. If you pass, your name is then posted to the NCQA Web site as a Recognized Physician.

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For more specific information about the Diabetes Physician Recognition Program, including listings of Recognized Physicians and Application Materials, visit www.ncqa.org/dprp or contact NCQA Customer Support at 888.275.7585.

American Diabetes Association

The American Diabetes Association is the nation's premier voluntary health organization supporting diabetes research, information and advocacy. The Association's mission is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. Founded in 1940, the Association provides services to hundreds of communities across the country. For more information please call the American Diabetes Association at 1.800.DIABETES (1.800.342.2383) or visit www.diabetes.org. Information from both these sources is available in English and Spanish.

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