

Support Access to Diabetes Self-Management Training

Target: Congress

Sponsored by: American Association of Diabetes Educators

Support Access to Diabetes Self-Management Training and Education (DSMT). Tell Congress to pass the Medicare DSMT Act as part of national health reform.

Diabetes is among the top public health threats today. Uncontrolled diabetes is:

- The leading cause of blindness in adults
- The leading cause of kidney failure
- The cause of 60% of non-traumatic lower limb amputations
- The cause of 5-10% of birth defects and 15-20% of spontaneous abortions in pregnant women
- The cause of the majority of deaths due to heart failure and stroke
- A leading cause of nerve damage

Patient adherence to the self-management tools taught by diabetes educators significantly reduces overall health costs and improves health outcomes for patients with diabetes.

By signing this petition you are helping to promote Medicare access to quality diabetes education and training by Certified Diabetes Educators. Help the almost 24 million Americans who have diabetes, and the 54 million Americans who are at serious risk of diabetes gain access to the valuable education and self management tools they need to manage their disease and its complications.

