



May 19, 2021

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Attention: CMS-3412-PN  
Mail Stop C4-26-05  
7500 Security Boulevard  
Baltimore, MD 21244-1850

**RE: Medicare Program; Application by American Diabetes Association for Continued CMS Approval of Its Diabetes Outpatient Self-Management Training Program**

To Whom It May Concern:

The Diabetes Advocacy Alliance (DAA) is a coalition of 27 member organizations representing patient, professional and trade associations, other non-profit organizations, and corporations, all united in the desire to change the way diabetes is viewed and treated in America. Since 2010, the DAA has worked with legislators and policymakers to increase awareness of, and action on, the diabetes epidemic.

The organizations that comprise the DAA share a common goal of elevating diabetes on the national agenda, so that we may ultimately defeat this treatable, but also potentially devastating, chronic disease. We are committed to advancing policies and legislation that can improve the health and well-being of people with diabetes and prediabetes, and also to combatting health disparities and addressing social determinants of health. We do this by informing policymakers about strategies to prevent, detect and control diabetes and care for those affected by it. We also educate about how to address the drivers of health inequities, and the health equity implications of existing or new policies, regulations, and legislation.

**The DAA wholeheartedly supports the application by the American Diabetes Association (ADA) for continued CMS approval of its diabetes outpatient self-management training program.** Diabetes self-management training (DSMT), also known as diabetes self-management education and support (DSMES), is an evidence-based vital service for people with diagnosed diabetes that is proven to enhance their clinical outcomes. It is imperative that the ADA continue to offer its services as an accrediting organization (AO) for outpatient self-management training suppliers.

Sincerely,

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