Coach Eligibility Fact Sheet

MDPP sessions are conducted by trained coaches who could be employees, contractors, or volunteers of an MDPP supplier. This checklist contains a summary of MDPP coach eligibility requirements as well as tips to ensure coach eligibility. A full list of the coach eligibility requirements can be found in the CY18 Physician Fee Schedule final rule, and at 42 C.F.R. 424.205(e).

COACH ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Coaches must:

- Obtain and maintain a valid National Provider Identifier (NPI) number in order for organizations to receive payment for MDPP services provided by its coaches
- Not have Medicare billing privileges revoked and be currently subject to the reenrollment bar
- Not have Medicaid billing privileges terminated for-cause or be excluded by a state Medicaid agency
- Not be excluded from any other Federal health care program
- Not be debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from participating in any other federal procurement or nonprocurement program
- Not, in the previous 10 years, have one of the following state or federal felony convictions including guilty pleas or pretrial diversion:
  - Crimes against persons, such as murder, rape, assault, and other similar crimes
  - Financial crimes, such as extortion, embezzlement, income tax evasion, insurance fraud, and other similar crimes
  - Any felony that places Medicare or its beneficiaries at immediate risk, such as a malpractice suit that results in the individual being convicted
  - Any felonies that would result in mandatory exclusion

TIPS

Obtain NPIs
- Coaches can get an NPI by visiting the NPPES website.
  
  or
  
- The MDPP supplier can get coach NPIs through NPPES or through bulk enumeration.

Train Coaches
- Coaches are trained consistent with the requirements of the CDC’s Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program (DPRP) training and staffing requirements.
- CMS does not require coaches to receive training beyond the CDC’s requirements.

Confirm Eligibility
- MDPP suppliers may choose to conduct background checks before and/or after enrolling in Medicare to avoid receiving an enrollment denial or revocation due to failure to meet coach eligibility standards.
- If, at any time before or after enrollment a coach is deemed ineligible by CMS, MDPP suppliers have 30 days to submit a corrective action plan (CAP) and remove the ineligible coach from the roster.
- If ineligible coaches are not removed, MDPP supplier status could be denied or revoked.

Update the Roster
- MDPP suppliers must include all coaches on the coach roster in the MDPP enrollment application.
- CMS will assess all coaches on a supplier’s roster to ensure each coach is eligible.
- Suppliers must update changes to the coach roster in PECOS within 30 calendar days.

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