

Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP)

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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