



Everyone with Diabetes Counts



Reducing Disparities in Diabetes Care: Everyone with Diabetes Counts (EDC)

According to the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly 13% of U.S. adults - age 20 and older - and nearly one-third of persons 65 years and older have diabetes. While diabetes is the leading cause of blindness, kidney failure and amputations in adults, Diabetes Self-Management Education (DSME) is a proven intervention that can help lessen disease severity and empower people with diabetes to take an active role in controlling their health.

In our **Reducing Disparities in Diabetes Care: Everyone with Diabetes Counts** initiative, the **New England QIN-QIO** offers evidence-based resources and strategies, aligning with the national Everyone with Diabetes Counts initiative, to improve the health status of people with diabetes and pre-diabetes. We work with community stakeholders, primary care practices, certified diabetes centers and patients and families to:

- Increase diabetes care resources
- Improve diabetic clinical outcomes
- Reduce health disparities
- Engage beneficiaries and families in DSME
- Improve health literacy
- Optimize the use of electronic health records and increase electronic quality reporting

All of these goals focus on improving the quality of life persons with diabetes with a key emphasis on racial and ethnic minority beneficiaries, and beneficiaries with both Medicare and Medicaid.

The initiative convenes health care providers from across the care continuum, including:

- Practitioner offices & clinics
- Medicare beneficiaries and families
- Local stakeholders and partners working on similar diabetes care and diabetes disparities solutions

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