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.

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.

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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