

November is National Diabetes Month, Diabetic Eye Disease Month, and World Diabetes Day on November 14

Please join the CMS this November in raising awareness about diabetes and diabetic eye disease by encouraging appropriate use of the preventive health services covered by Medicare for early disease detection and disease management.

Diabetes

Diabetes can lead to severe complications such as heart disease, stroke, vision loss, kidney disease, nerve damage, development of glaucoma and amputation. However, detection and treatment of diabetes may prevent or delay many of these complications.

What can you do?

Help protect the health of your patients by educating them about their risk factors and encouraging them to take advantage of diabetes-related preventive services covered by Medicare such as:

- diabetes screening tests
- diabetes self-management training
- medical nutrition therapy
- diabetes supplies
- glaucoma screenings
- vaccinations for pneumonia and influenza

For More Information

- The “[Diabetes-Related Services Fact Sheet](#)” provides information for health care professionals on the range of diabetes-related services covered by Medicare.
- For a quick reference to preventive services now covered by Medicare, please refer to the [Medicare Preventive Services Quick Reference Chart](#).
- For general information for health care professionals about preventive services covered by Medicare, visit the [CMS General Prevention Information](#) website.
- For educational resources developed specifically for the Medicare fee-for-service community, visit the [Medicare Learning Network® \(MLN\) Preventive Services](#) web page.
- The [National Diabetes Education Program](#) provides information and educational resources for health care professionals, community organizations, people living with diabetes, and others.