



**MEDICARE DRUG & HEALTH PLAN CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION GROUP**

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**TO:** Medicare Advantage Organizations  
Section 1833 and 1876 Cost Plans  
Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly Organizations  
Medicare-Medicaid Plans

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**SUBJECT:** Coverage of Part A and Part B Services: Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program  
Expanded Model

This memorandum serves as a reminder that Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAO), Section 1833 and 1876 Cost Plans, Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly Organizations, and Medicare-Medicaid Plans must cover all Parts A and B items and services for eligible enrollees, including services under the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) expanded model which was further defined in the Calendar Year 2018 Physician Fee Schedule final rule. The MDPP expanded model is effective April 1, 2018, and is a Medicare Part B covered service. All requirements associated with the MDPP expanded model, including the effective date, supplier eligibility rules, and benefit-specific criteria, apply to MAOs, Section 1833 and 1876 Cost Plans, Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly, and Medicare-Medicaid Plans.

CMS notes there may be some geographical areas where the closest MDPP provider is located a considerable distance from a plan's service area. CMS reminds organizations that if such a circumstance arises, an enrollee may choose to travel at their own expense to an MDPP provider that offers the Medicare-covered service, and the plan must cover those services. Plans have the option, but are not required to cover an enrollee's travel expenses.

Questions regarding the content of this memo may be submitted to the Medicare Part C Policy Mailbox at: <https://dpap.lmi.org/>. MAOs may also visit the MDPP website at: <https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/medicare-diabetes-prevention-program/> for additional information.