



DPAC DIGEST

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Happy New Year!



Jump Right In

2020 is a busy year and we hope you will join us! **Register** for the DPAC Forum, **nominate** someone you know for the Sally Joy Award and **participate** in the Diabetes Improvement Plan process.

The MDHHS Diabetes Prevention and Control Program is gathering partner feedback through Key Informant Interviews. These phone interviews take approximately 30 minutes and is an opportunity to guide the direction of diabetes prevention and management efforts in the State of Michigan. If you would like to share your thoughts, please contact Amy Stagg.

Diabetes Improvement Plan Key Informant Interviews

MDHHS Diabetes and Prevention and Control Program is developing a statewide plan to address diabetes prevention and management strategies to inform our work. If you are interested in participating, please contact Amy Stagg at stagga@michigan.gov.



Sally Joy Award Nominations Open

Do you know someone who should be recognized for their leadership and passion for diabetes prevention or self-management? [DPAC is accepting nominations for the Sally Joy Leadership Award](#). This award will be presented at the DPAC Forum in April.



Register Now! 2020 DPAC Forum

Thursday, April 30 at the MTG Space in Lansing. This event is the annual gathering for DPAC members and partners. It will be a time for networking, strategic planning and education. [There is no fee to attend, but you must register to reserve your spot.](#)



ADVOCACY

The Advocacy Files: What's Happening with our Partners?

ADA 2020 Advocacy Priorities

Each year, the American Diabetes Association conducts a comprehensive survey of active ADA advocates, current professional members, and those interested in diabetes advocacy from across the country. The survey is used to determine our legislative and regulatory priorities which serve as a roadmap for ADA's public policy work each year. This year's priorities, including legal advocacy, can be found at <https://www.diabetes.org/advocacy/advocacy-priorities>.

Advocates in Action Menu

ADA also produces an annual calendar of advocacy opportunities from which advocates can choose which activities they would like to participate in each month. The 2020 Menu has been completed but, at this writing, is not yet available online. Anyone wishing a copy can request one from Gary Dougherty, Director of State Government Affairs, at gdougherty@diabetes.org.

JDRF Advocacy News

Congress just passed and the President signed an extension of the Special Diabetes Program (SDP), which provides critical Federal funding for T1D research. The measure funds the SDP through May 22, 2020. Say 'thank you' to your Representative and Senators today for extending the SDP

Recently, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 3, the "Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019," and the Administration released its proposed prescription drug importation plan. As we fight for broader policy changes, if you know anyone in urgent need of insulin, please refer them to these current resources.

UP Diabetes Outreach Network

Diabetes supplies, insulin and care have become unaffordable for many living with type 1 diabetes. An estimated 25% of the people living with type 1 diabetes ration their insulin to save money - for some, that practice has been deadly. To make certain all adults living with type 1 diabetes have access to life saving insulin and care, we have been talking with our state legislators about expanding access to Children Special Health Care to adults with type 1 diabetes. Legislative action has expanded access of this program to adults with hemophilia or cystic fibrosis. If you would like to get involved with this initiative, reach out to your state representative and senator and share the need for this health care expansion; a bill has not been introduced yet. You can also contact me directly at updonann@gmail.com. Thanks, Ann Constance, U.P. Diabetes Outreach Network.



Upcoming Trainings & Events

- **Wed. 1/29, 9-10AM: Michigan Diabetes Action Plan Workgroup;** contact DavenportA1@michigan.gov to register
- **Thu. 2/27, 1-2PM: FREE DTTAC Webinar: Health Equity and the DPP – An Introduction;** contact DavenportA1@michigan.gov for more information
- **Tue. 3/31, 10-11am: MI Diabetes Prevention Network Meeting;** registration information coming soon!