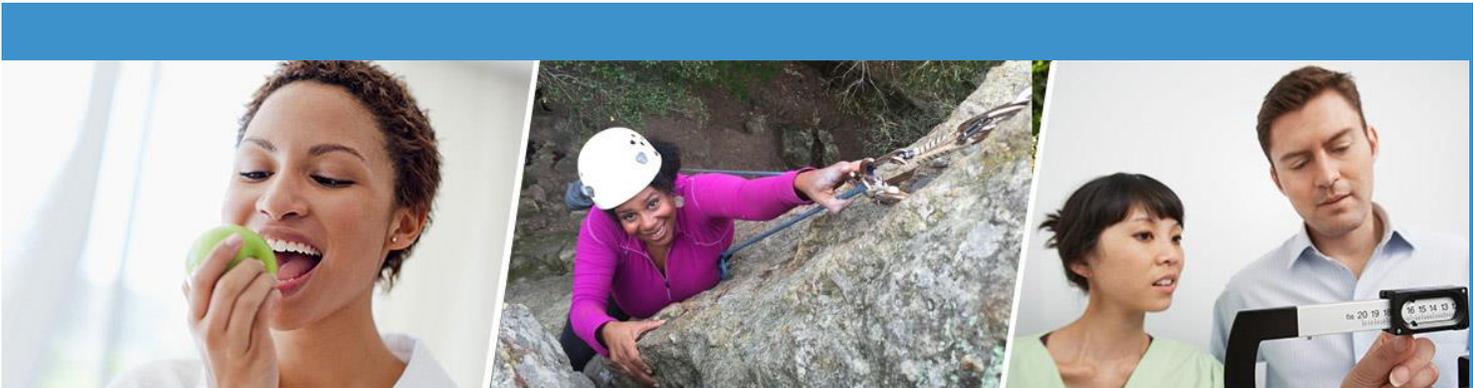




DPAC DIGEST

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We have a new look! Please visit the DPAC website to see our new layout, content and resources. We are continually making improvements to serve our partners. If you have any suggestions on content or layout, please let us know!

REGISTER

DPAC Forum on May 23



READ

DPAC Updated Structure

Take a look at the DPAC Structure document which details the mission, vision, guiding principles and coalition values.



RESOURCES

Available on Website

Find Hospital-based DSME Programs certified by MDHHS, Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) locations in Michigan, Toolkits to Engage Health Care Teams and much more on the [resources page](http://dpacmi.org) at dpacmi.org



EXPANDING ACCESS TO DSMT ACT UPDATE



In March the Expanding Access to DSMT Act was reintroduced to congress. Representatives Tom Reed (R-NY) and Diana De Gette (D-CO) introduced it to the House while Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Susan Collins (R-ME) introduced it to the Senate. The Act should help to reduce barriers and improve Medicare beneficiary access to DSMT services.

For more detailed information please go to the American Association of Diabetes Educators Advocacy Update page at:

http://advocate.diabeteseducator.org/site/PageServer?pagename=action_center
(No log-in required).

New Exercise Guidelines for Prediabetes and Type 2 Diabetes

Exercise is Medicine® created the Rx for Health series to provide essential guidelines on exercise for sedentary individuals and those with various chronic diseases and medical conditions. These handouts are designed to be used by health care providers and exercise professionals to support physical activity recommendations to patients/clients.

Each handout can be printed and given to a patient or scanned into the electronic health record (EHR) to be added to the after-visit summary (AVS).

To download the handouts visit https://www.exerciseismedicine.org/support_page.php/rx-for-health-series/



ADVOCACY NEWS



'Call to Congress' is the **American Diabetes Association's** signature advocate engagement activity. Each Spring, about 200 advocates from across the country come to Washington, DC to meet with their U.S. Representatives and Senators on Capitol Hill.

The 2019 Call to Congress was held March 27-29. The above picture is of our advocates gathered together before heading to meetings with Members of Congress. We were fortunate to have a wonderful delegation of six Michigan advocates who met with the offices of Senator Debbie Stabenow, Senator Gary Peters, and Representatives Debbie Dingell, Andy Levin, John Moolenaar, and Elissa Slotkin. The group educated their Members of Congress about the impact of diabetes, shared personal stories, and advocated for key federal priorities; federal funding to support diabetes research, access to healthcare, and insulin affordability. Invitations for 'Call to Congress' are sent to Diabetes Advocates across the country – so, if you're not already, please sign up to be a Diabetes Advocate at www.diabetes.org/advocatesignup.

ADA continues to play a prominent role in the Insulin Affordability discussion. Dr. Will Cefalu, ADA's Chief Scientific, Medical, and Mission Officer, testified during a hearing of the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee's Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee on April 2. The hearing was entitled "Priced Out of a Lifesaving Drug: The Human Impact of Rising Insulin Costs."

JDRF has participated in two campaigns between November 2018 and March 2019. The ultimate goal: to meet with all of the new and existing Members of Congress to help them understand the importance of renewing the Special Diabetes Program. <https://www.jdrf.org/impact/advocacy/special-diabetes-program/>

Coverage2Control – The Health Policy team has been deeply engaged on the recent UnitedHealthcare (UHC) decision to limit pump choice for youth age 7+. Please visit www.coverage2control.com to add your name to our newly launched petition that will connect you directly to UHC to demand choice for all of those impacted by T1D. Follow along on and share our content on social media (@JDRFAdvocacy), and stay tuned for new information and next steps as they become available. (We have nearly 19k signers so far!)

Act on our pre-existing conditions petition, now at 30,000+ signers. Congress has shown initial signs of support, but there is still work to be done. Visit www.jdrf.org and click 'SIGN THE PETITION.'