

CDC Recognized Diabetes Prevention Programs (DPP) Scholarship Guidance & Frequently Asked Questions

Purpose

The purpose of the Diabetes Prevention Program Scholarships is to allow persons who are Medicaid eligible to participate in diabetes prevention programs. For the purpose of the ODHDSP grant, Medicaid eligible is defined as:

- Income is 200% below Poverty

AND

- Medical Home is one of the following:
 - a. Local Health Department
 - b. Federally Qualified Health Center
 - c. Rural Health Center
 - d. Free Clinic

The Section below describes responses to frequently asked questions. When it comes to paying these invoices, the vendor will need to comply with your county regulations. If the vendor needs to register—please share that information with them. Please inform the vendor of invoice submission deadlines.

Frequently Asked Questions

The section below describes responses to frequently asked questions. This is not an all-inclusive list. Please contact Yvonne Garton at Yvonne.Garton@dhhs.nc.gov with any questions that may need to be added to this document.

1. Q: How much do the scholarships cost?
A: \$430 each
2. Q: How do I pay for the scholarships?
A: You should receive an invoice from the vendor (Diabetes Prevention Program provider)
3. Q: Do I pay all at once?
A: No. The vendor should invoice you for \$215 of the total \$430 scholarship amount per participant enrolled upon registration. A second invoice for the remaining \$215 per eligible participant still enrolled should be submitted after completion of 9 sessions.
4. Q: How many scholarships do I need to pay for?
A: At least 40 – 60 if your budget supports it. Please check with your county fiscal manager who will work with Cindy Stevenson (Cindy.Stevenson@dhhs.nc.gov). If you are going to have trouble reaching this figure—please contact Yvonne Garton for assistance.
5. Q: How can I verify that the proper persons have been recruited?
A: You should receive a recruitment and retention plan and an eligibility form for each participant.
6. Q: Do all the classes have to be taken before we pay the invoice?
A: No. The first payment of \$215 per eligible participant will be made upon receipt of the vendor's roster and the participant eligibility forms of each eligible participant. After the completion of week 9, the vendor should submit an updated roster, and a payment of the remaining \$215 for each eligible participant will be made.
7. Q: What if a person does not meet both of the qualifying standards in Medicaid Eligible definition?
A: Please see below:
 - a. Any participant that receives Medicaid or Medicare would qualify for a scholarship.

- b. If a participant does not have a medical home, but they meet the income requirement, they would qualify for a scholarship.
- c. If a participant's medical home is not one of the listed entities, but they meet the income requirement, they would qualify for a scholarship.
- d. If a participant's income is not at or below 200% of poverty **at the time of application**, or cannot be verified, but their medical home is one of the listed entities, they do not qualify for a scholarship.

8. Q: What if I have a purchasing deadline by which invoices need to be received?

A: It is important to communicate the purchasing deadline date to the sites if your organization has a purchasing deadline. The sites need time to plan, recruit and provide you with the necessary information to receive their reimbursement. Likewise, you need time to process the invoices and remit payment to the sites.

9. Q: What are my responsibilities for these scholarships?

A: Compensate the diabetes prevention program vendor for the exact number of Medicaid eligible recipients recruited upon receipt of required documentation and an invoice (up to the # recommended—unless you want to pay for additional scholarships). Submit copies of all paperwork to the NC Division of Public Health in conjunction with updates to the ODHDSP progress reporting template on the requested schedule. **Conduct at least one site visit to observe a class.**

10. Q: Do the Diabetes Prevention Program Scholarship participants have to meet any criteria other than those listed above?

A: Yes. They still need to be 18 years of age or older, have a BMI \geq 24, and one (1) of the following:

- A Blood Test (**may be self-reported**):
 - a. A1c between 5.7 – 6.4
 - b. Fasting glucose of 100 to 125 mg/dl
 - c. Plasma glucose measured 2 hours after a 75 gm glucose load of 140 to 199
- A Clinical diagnosis of Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM) – (**may be self-reported**)
- A qualifying Risk Test score (9 or above – <http://www.diabetes.org/are-you-at-risk/diabetes-risk-test/>)

11. Q: What is a data management subscription to Wake Forest University?

A: All CDC recognized Diabetes Prevention Programs that are created through the ODHDSP grant need to enter their participant data into a secure data site that is managed by Wake Forest University in partnership with the Community and Clinical Connections for Prevention and Health Branch. The subscription rates allow staff to be trained in data entry and data analysis. The subscription rates are tiered, but the minimum rate to start the service is \$400. The annual rate for data management will be lower. We will advise when renewals need to take place. We are requesting that Regional staff pay for at least the first year of the lowest tier of the subscription service. This will allow the data to be entered into the database, staff training and technical assistance and data preparation for CDC submission. Additional services, such as state and peer data comparisons are available at a higher cost. For information about the subscription service, contact Caroline Blackwell via email at cblackwe@wakehealth.edu.