

## ADCES/AADE Policy Positions and Statements

Archive for 2023 and Earlier

### Positions

- [Consensus Statement on US Health Care Reform for People with Diabetes – 2020](#)
- [ADCES Insulin Pricing Principles – 2019](#)

### Statements, Comments, and Letters

2023

- As part of the Obesity Care Advocacy Network, ADCES signed onto letters to [House](#) and [Senate](#) committee leadership calling on Congress to address the obesity epidemic and pass the Treat and Reduce Obesity Act.
- ADCES submitted [initial comments](#) and a [second set of comments](#) to the CDC's ICD-10 Coordination and Maintenance Committee in support of a [recent proposal](#) to create new diagnosis codes for hypoglycemia level 1, level 2 and level 3.
- ADCES and six other national organizations submitted a [letter for the Congressional record](#) in support of the *DSMT Act's* inclusion in the [Energy & Commerce Health Subcommittee hearing Examining Policies to Improve Seniors' Access to Innovative Drugs, Medical Devices, and Technology](#).
- ADCES submitted [comments to the CDC's ICD-10 Coordination and Maintenance Committee](#) in support of a recent proposal to create new ICD-10 diagnosis codes for stages 1, 2 and 3 of Type 1 diabetes to distinguish the development of Type 1 from the development of Type 2, which is coded as prediabetes.
- In response to the calendar year 2024 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) [proposed rule](#), ADCES submitted [in-depth comments supporting the myriad improvements to diabetes care coverage](#) the administration was proposing and offered constructive feedback to improve the proposals further. ADCES also signed onto [MPFS comments from the Diabetes Advocacy Alliance](#). See the [Final Rule](#), which incorporated some of ADCES's suggestions.
- In response to statements from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services stating that improving utilization of the Medicare DSMT benefit was a priority for the agency, ADCES submitted an [extensive list of recommended improvements](#) to streamline referral to and use of the benefit and to simplify participation and billing for suppliers.
- As part of the Amputation Prevention Alliance, ADCES joined a [letter to the sponsors of the Amputation Reduction and Compassion Act \(ARC Act\)](#) supporting the legislation and thanking them for their leadership on amputation prevention.
- As part of the Diabetes Advocacy Alliance, ADCES signed onto a [letter to House and Senate leadership](#) urging them to reauthorize and fund the Special Diabetes Program and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians in advance of its September 2023 expiration.
- In response to the introduction of the *Strengthening Medicare for Patients and Providers Act*, ADCES and a coalition of health care provider associations representing over one million clinicians sent a [letter of support to the bill's original sponsors](#) in the House.
- ADCES [responded to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' request for information](#) about updating its Essential Health Benefits regulations and guidance.
- ADCES submitted [comments to the Office of U.S. Senator Schatz \(HI\)](#) on recommended changes to the CONNECT for Health Act to ensure that Medicare DSMT programs can permanently continue to deliver services via telehealth.

## 2020

- ADCES and the ADA [urged](#) CMS to allow RNs and pharmacists to furnish DSMT via telehealth during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ADCES, ADA, and the Endocrine Society [submitted](#) a request to CMS urging action and clarification around Medicare telehealth requirements for DSMT during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ADCES discussed the role of the diabetes care and education specialist and addresses Medicare challenges in [letter](#) to the National Clinical Care Commission.

## 2019

- AADE [responded](#) to HHS Prevention X Request for Information.
- AADE offered policy [recommendations](#) to the National Clinical Care Commission.
- AADE joined the Diabetes Advocacy Alliance in coalition [letter](#) to the National Clinical Care Commission.
- AADE submitted [commented](#) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in response to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule proposed payment rule for 2020. AADE also joined the Diabetes Advocacy Alliance (DAA) in a coalition [letter](#) to CMS addressing the same rule.
- AADE joined the Diabetes Policy Collaborative (DPC) in a [letter](#) to health plans urging them to adopt new IRS guidance allowing certain types of medical care to be designated as “preventative” for individual with chronic diseases, such as diabetes. This would apply to high-deductible health plans linked to HSAs.
- AADE [addressed](#) the proposed update to the definition of health literacy in the objectives for Healthy People 2030.
- AADE joined other provider organizations, including the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE), in a [letter](#) to UnitedHealthcare urging them to reconsider their recent insulin pump policy change affecting children ages 7 and older.
- AADE and the AADE CT Coordinating Body joined other advocates in a [letter](#) of support for CT Governor Lamont’s budget proposal to establish Medicaid coverage for the National Diabetes Prevention Program.
- [Community Statement](#) on Medicare Coverage for Medically Necessary Oral and Dental Health Therapies
- AADE [asked](#) members of Congress to support the Special Diabetes Program (SDP).
- AADE collaborated with the DAA on [commented](#) to the Senate HELP Committee on how the 116th Congress can address America’s rising healthcare costs.
- AADE worked with NY diabetes advocates to [ask](#) NY state legislators to support Governor Cuomo’s budget proposal to establish Medicaid coverage for the Diabetes Prevention Program.
- AADE joined the Diabetes Advocacy Alliance (DAA) in a [letter](#) to CMS on the expansion of the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program, proposing modifications to improve accessibility and uptake of the program.
- AADE [commented](#) on Healthy People 2030 proposed objectives.

## 2018

- AADE joined the DAA in submitting letters to [HHS Secretary Alex Azar](#) and FDA Commission Scott Gottlieb and [CMS Administrator Seema Verma](#) to address concerns with blood glucose testing system accuracy.

- AADE took action and sent a [letter](#) to CMS after the agency [announced](#) their plans to rescind 2012 guidance prohibiting Medicare Advantage Plans from using step therapy to manage costs.
- AADE submitted [comments](#) to CMS in response to their Competitive Bidding Program (CBP) proposed rule. AADE addressed our concerns with the low pricing for diabetes testing supplies (DTS) under the CBP and the impact this has on quality, availability, and access to DTS for Medicare beneficiaries.
- AADE worked with the [DAA to submit comments](#) to the [U.S. Preventative Services Task Force \(USPSTF\)](#) to address the *Draft Research Plan for Abnormal Blood Glucose and Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus: Screening*.
- AADE submitted [comments to CMS](#) in response to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule proposed rule for 2019.
- AADE worked with the DAA to [submit comments](#) to the [U.S. Preventative Services Task Force \(USPSTF\)](#) to address the *Draft Research Plan for Diet and Physical Activity to Prevent Cardiovascular Disease in Adults with Risk Factors: Counseling*.