



Provider Update

This update contains pertinent information about changes that will impact the Johns Hopkins HealthCare provider network.

New Diabetes Prevention Program for Priority Partners

Starting Sept. 1, 2019, you will be eligible for reimbursement for offering the National Diabetes Prevention Program (National DPP) Lifestyle Change Program to Priority Partners members. The program and reimbursement will be facilitated through Priority Partners and the Maryland Department of Health's HealthChoice program.

The National DPP Lifestyle Change Program is an evidence-based program established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes through healthy eating and physical activity. Only CDC-recognized type 2 diabetes prevention programs may enroll with Medicaid to administer the program. The Medicaid diabetes prevention program will be known as the HealthChoice Diabetes Prevention Program (HealthChoice DPP).

For more information about DPP provider enrollment, please refer to the [HealthChoice DPP Manual](#).

Priority Partners Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible, members must:

- Receive services through Priority Partners
- Be between 18-64 years old
- Be overweight or obese (Body Mass Index (BMI) of ≥ 25 kg/m²; ≥ 23 kg/m², if Asian)
- Have an elevated blood glucose level OR a history of gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM), meaning the enrollee has:
 1. Fasting glucose of 100 to 125 mg
 2. Plasma glucose measured 2 hours after a 75 gm glucose load of 140 to 198 mg/dl
 3. A1C level of 5.7 to 6.4; or
 4. Clinically diagnosed GDM during a previous pregnancy.

Pregnant women and members previously diagnosed with type 1 or type 2 diabetes are not eligible to participate in the program.

Please direct questions regarding Maryland's HealthChoice DPP, or DPP provider enrollment qualifications to mdh.medicaidDPP@maryland.gov.

Please contact the JHHC Provider Relations department at 1-888-895-4998 with any questions or concerns.