DSMES Program Accreditation Readiness Consulting (ADA and ADCES)

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What to have ready

This is the list we would ask for first, each item tied to the text that requires it.

- A choice of accrediting organization, ADA or ADCES (MLN909381, November 2025 [https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mln909381-provider-information-medicare-diabetes-self-management-training.pdf]).
- Evidence that the program has put the National Standards for DSMES fully into operation (ADA, First Steps [https://professional.diabetes.org/education-recognition-program/first-steps], page opened October 3, 2026).
- Confirmation that services run in a non-acute setting, if you apply to ADA (ADA, 11th Edition requirements [https://professional.diabetes.org/education-recognition-program/recognition-requirements]).
- Tracking of at least two outcomes for the service, such as participant-defined goals and another participant outcome, as ADA's 11th Edition requirements call for (ADA, Recognition Requirements [https://professional.diabetes.org/education-recognition-program/recognition-requirements], page opened October 3, 2026).
- A reporting period for an original application. ADA lets a new service start the period up to 6 months before it submits the online application, and the period runs from 1 to 6 months (ADA, Recognition Requirements [https://professional.diabetes.org/education-recognition-program/recognition-requirements], page opened October 3, 2026).
- Referral records showing the order came from "the physician, nurse practitioner (NP), physician assistant (PA), or certified nurse specialist (CNS) who's treating the patient for diabetes" (MLN909381 [https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mln909381-provider-information-medicare-diabetes-self-management-training.pdf]).
- A scheduling check, because "You can't provide DSMT and medical nutrition therapy (MNT) to the same patient on the same service date" (MLN909381 [https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mln909381-provider-information-medicare-diabetes-self-management-training.pdf]).
- A process to "collect and record this patient assessment information at least quarterly according to requirements in 42 CFR 410.146" (MLN909381 [https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mln909381-provider-information-medicare-diabetes-self-management-training.pdf]).
- Records kept so they can be produced for a random virtual audit by ADA or ADCES (MLN909381 [https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mln909381-provider-information-medicare-diabetes-self-management-training.pdf]).