

**641—9.8 (135) Program staff for programs not recognized by the American Diabetes Association or accredited by the American Association of Diabetes Educators.**

**9.8(1)** A program coordinator and a program physician shall be designated.

*a.* The program coordinator shall provide direction and supervision of the program, including, but not limited to, planning, arranging implementation, and assuring quality. If the program coordinator is an instructor, the program coordinator shall be a health care professional and meet the requirements for primary or supporting instructor.

*b.* The program physician shall provide medical direction for the program. The program physician shall maintain contact with the participant's attending physician and shall make recommendations relative to the medical care and treatment of the participant's diabetes where appropriate.

**9.8(2)** The program shall have an advisory committee composed of at least one physician, one registered nurse, one licensed dietitian and one pharmacist to oversee the program. It is recommended the advisory committee include an individual with behavioral science expertise, a consumer, and a community representative. The advisory committee shall participate in the annual planning process, including determination of target audience, program objectives, participant access mechanisms, instructional methods, resource requirements, participant follow-up mechanisms, and program evaluation.

**9.8(3)** The primary instructors shall be one or more of the following health care professionals: physicians, registered nurses, licensed dietitians, and pharmacists who are knowledgeable about the disease process of diabetes and the treatment of diabetes. If there is only one primary instructor, there shall be at least one supporting instructor. The supporting instructor shall be from one of the four professions listed as possible primary instructors, but a different profession from the single primary instructor.

**9.8(4)** The program may have additional supporting instructors including, but not limited to, dentist, exercise physiologist, health educator, ophthalmologist, pediatric diabetologist, podiatrist, psychologist, psychiatrist, or social worker.

**9.8(5)** The names and license or registration numbers of the program physician, program coordinator, and all primary and supporting instructors shall be included with the program application.

**9.8(6)** All primary instructors shall show evidence of knowledge about the disease process of diabetes and the treatment and management of people with diabetes by documentation of one or more of the following:

*a.* Within the last three years, completion of a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education in diabetes, diabetes management, or diabetes education; or

*b.* Equivalent training or experience including, but not limited to, endocrinology fellowship training or masters level preparation in diabetes nursing/nutrition. Unsupervised teaching of patients is not an acceptable equivalent.

*c.* Current certification as a certified diabetes educator.

**9.8(7)** All supporting instructors shall show evidence of knowledge about the disease process of diabetes and the treatment and management of people with diabetes by documentation of completion of a minimum of 12 hours of continuing education in diabetes, diabetes management, or diabetes education within the last three years or have current certification as a certified diabetes educator.

**9.8(8)** The four professionals required in 9.8(2) to be on the advisory committee shall have completed six hours of continuing education in diabetes within the past three years.

**9.8(9)** The program coordinator shall determine that each primary or supporting instructor has current licensure or registration required to practice in Iowa.

**9.8(10)** The program coordinator shall determine that new primary or supporting instructors, who join the program staff during a certification period, meet the requirements for initial certification in 9.8(6) or 9.8(7) within six months of when they join the program staff.