



Description of Services Provided:

The Heartland Health Alliance Diabetes Initiative allows members to be an accredited diabetes education program through the American Diabetes Association (ADA) because of their affiliation with Bryan Health and the initiative. The mission of hospitals within the initiative is to provide quality diabetes self management education to individuals in our region through collaboration with physicians and communities. Rural hospitals that are eligible and join the Bryan program pay an Initiation fee and a nominal annual maintenance fee to Bryan Diabetes Center. Bryan Health has designated a coordinator to oversee the planning, implementation and evaluation of diabetes self management education throughout the Heartland Health Alliance. Contact information for the quality coordinator:

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Benefits of joining the Heartland Health Alliance Diabetes Initiative include:

- As an ADA recognized program, diabetes education is a billable service
- The Bryan Health quality coordinator assembles and submits program reports annually as required by the ADA
- All diabetes educator continuing education requirements and licensure information are tracked and submitted to the ADA by the quality coordinator
- Continued education programs are offered yearly to HHA diabetes educators to stay abreast of the current standards and best practices
- The Diabetes education curriculum and documentation forms are provided to HHA sites
- Software support is provided for our Diabetes Management Software System (ADA Chronicle Diabetes), which is the only approved documentation system for statistics.
- Ongoing educator support and networking provided by Bryan Health Diabetes Center staff in conjunction with 18 community hospitals located throughout Nebraska
- The Bryan Quality coordinator submits the application and program summary for ADA re-certification every 4 years
- HHA diabetes educators may shadow Bryan Diabetes Center education classes upon request

Optional resources for small fee include:

- Patient educational materials developed by Bryan Diabetes Center staff
- Diabetes Educator training for new HHA site diabetes educators