

Members can concurrently receive curative services, and those services are paid separately.

**A. Qualifications of Providers**

Palliative care is provided by healthcare providers that are legally authorized to deliver healthcare services by the State of Hawaii.

Palliative care is provided by a team of healthcare professionals and paraprofessionals with a range of skills to treat individuals with serious illnesses. The credentials and/or criteria for required members of the palliative care team are established by the State. The team members are described in Supplement 4 to Attachment 3.1-A and 3.1-B

**B. Freedom of Choice**

The State assures that the provision of community palliative care services will not restrict an individual's free choice of providers in Violation of Section 1902(a) (23) of the Act.

9. Diabetes Prevention Program

Effective 02/01/2024, Medicaid will cover diabetes prevention services in the delivery mode as outlined in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)-recognized National Diabetes Prevention Program (NDPP). The NDPP is an evidence-based, educational and support program designed to assist at-risk individuals from developing Type 2 diabetes. Diabetes services are provided as a preventive service pursuant to 42 C.F.R Section 440.130(c), and must be recommended by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts within their scope of practice under state law to prevent diabetes, prolong life, and promote the physical and mental health of the beneficiary.

The CDC grants NDPP recognition only to organizational entities in the delivery modes that are recognized (i.e. in-person, online). Therefore, only organizations that have achieved CDC's Full or Preliminary recognition status can be enrolled in Medicaid as an NDPP provider. Individuals who wish to participate in the Medicaid NDPP program may do so as a trained "Lifestyle Coach" once they meet the standards and guidelines specified in the CDC's Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program (DPRP). Only the organizations that are enrolled in Medicaid as NDPP providers may bill for NDPP services. The CDC-recognized organization will supervise Lifestyle Coaches and must ensure that the individual Lifestyle Coaches providing NDPP services on behalf of the organization have been formally trained and have complied with the requirements outlined by the CDC.

A Lifestyle Coach may be a physician, non-physician practitioner, or an unlicensed person who has received formal training on CDC-approved curriculum and is recognized as having met the NDPP requirements specified in the CDC's Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program (DPRP) standards and guidelines.

Lifestyle Coaches will work with Medicaid members to provide them with a culturally appropriate practical understanding of the positive impacts of healthier, sustained dietary habits; increased physical activity; behavior change strategies for weight control; and will offer at a minimum the following services with the goal being to prevent Type 2 diabetes:

- Counseling related to long-term dietary changes, increased physical activity, and behavior change strategies for weight control; and
- Counseling and skill building to facilitate the knowledge, skill, and ability necessary to prevent the onset of Type 2 diabetes.
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Comparable services may be provided to children under the age of 21, pursuant to EPSDT.

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- (j) Routine Patient Cost for Items and Services in connection with participation by Medicaid Beneficiaries in qualifying clinical trials under 1905 (a) (30).

~~Hawaii Medicaid Fee Schedule is based on a combination of sixty percent of the 2006 to current Medicare Fee Schedule as applicable. Services not covered by Medicare in 2006 are paid at sixty percent of the Medicare Fee Schedule on the first year in which the code/service is covered by Medicare, whichever is later. The Medicaid Fee Schedule is located at <https://medquest.hawaii.gov>~~

~~Reimbursement rates, except as specified below and other parts of this Attachment, for providers of medical care who are individual practitioners and other providing non-institutional items and services shall not exceed the maximum permitted under federal laws and regulations and shall be the lower of the Medicare Fee Schedule as described above.~~

- (k) Community Palliative Care Benefit.

Reimbursement is based on per member per month case rate(s) in accordance with the Hawaii Medicaid Fee Schedule. Other services may be covered that are billed separately from the case rate(s) such as initial assessments and reassessments.

The Hawaii Medicaid Fee schedule is located at <https://medquest.hawaii.gov/en/plans-providers/fee-for-service/fee-schedules.html>.

- (l) Diabetes Prevention Services

Effective 02/01/2024, the Medicaid rate for National Diabetes Prevention Program (NDPP) services will be in accordance with the Hawaii Medicaid Fee Schedule.

The Hawaii Medicaid Fee schedule is located at <https://medquest.hawaii.gov/en/plans-providers/fee-for-service/fee-schedules.html>.

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