

42 C.F.R. § 410.144

Quality standards for deemed entities.

An organization approved and recognized by CMS may accredit an entity to meet one of the following sets of quality standards:

(a) *CMS quality standards*. Standards prescribed by CMS, which include the following:

(1) *Organizational structure*. (i) Provides the educational resources to support the programs offered and the beneficiaries served, including adequate space, personnel, budget, instructional materials, confidentiality, privacy, and operational support.

(ii) Defines clearly and documents the organizational relationships, lines of authority, staffing, job descriptions, and operational policies.

(iii) Maintains a written policy that affirms education as an integral component of diabetes care.

(iv) Includes in its operational policies, specific standards and procedures identifying the amount of collaborative, interactive, skill-based training methods and didactic training methods furnished to the beneficiary.

(v) Assesses the service area to define the target population in order to appropriately allocate personnel and resources.

(vi) Identifies in its operational policies, the minimal amount that each team member must be involved in the following:

(A) Development of training materials.

(B) Instruction of beneficiaries.

(2) *Environment*. Maintains a safe and sanitary environment, properly constructed, equipped, and maintained to protect the health and safety of all patients and that meets all applicable fire protection and life safety codes.

(3) *Program staff*. (i) Requires a program coordinator who is responsible for program planning, implementation, and evaluation.

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