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Press Release

Community Hospital's Diabetes Education Program Merits ADA Recognition

Grand Junction, CO - The prestigious American Diabetes Association Education Recognition Certificate for a quality diabetes self-management education program was recently awarded to Community Hospital. ADA believes that Community Hospital's program offers high-quality education that is an essential component of effective diabetes treatment.

To promote quality education for people with diabetes, the American Diabetes Association (ADA) endorses the National Standards for Diabetes Self-Management Education. To support this goal, the ADA Education Recognition Program (ERP) assesses whether applicants meet the National Standards for Diabetes Self-Management Education. The standards are designed to be flexible enough to be applicable in any healthcare setting, from physicians' offices and HMOs to clinics and hospitals. Programs that achieve recognition status have a staff of knowledgeable health professionals who can provide participants with comprehensive information about diabetes management. "The process gives professionals a national standard by which to measure the quality of services they provide, and of course, it assures the consumer that he or she will likely receive high-quality service," says Diabetes Educator, Terri Thompson, BSN, RN, CDE.

Education recognition status is verified by an official certificate from ADA and awarded for three years. The ADA ERP is one of three and the most experienced Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) deemed certifying bodies for Diabetes Self-Management Training.

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