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CPESN NY, LLC Pharmacies Bring National ADCES Diabetes Accredited Programs to Patients in Local Communities.

Buffalo, N.Y. March 15, 2022 – CPESN NY LLC, a clinically integrated statewide organization of pharmacies structured to advance community-based pharmacy practice, proudly announces three-member pharmacies' diabetes education programs have been recognized and accredited through the Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists ([ADCES](#)). These pharmacies include [Alden Pharmacy Inc.](#) (Alden, NY), [ESCO Drug Inc.](#) (New York, NY), and [Niagara Apothecary Inc.](#) (Niagara Falls, NY).

Led by the leadership of CPESN NY's Jessica Anderson, PharmD, MPH, the accredited pharmacies completed a series of preparation and training to create policies and procedures, meeting the National Standards for Diabetes Self-Management and Support ([DSMES](#)). They also received instruction with patients to begin developing processes and impact care.

Community Pharmacies offer a pathway to expand access to underutilized DSMES services in socially vulnerable NYS communities for patients with diabetes.

DSMES program accreditations were made possible through grant support from the New York State (NYS) Department of Health. CPESN NY sought geographically diverse member pharmacies to participate in diabetes accreditation through ADCES. For these pharmacies being an accredited site allows for payer partnerships to form and bring DSMES patient education sessions and classes to the communities they serve. Not only can this offer a new vital service to communities, but it opens doors to additional services and opportunities for clinical programs while building provider relationships and improving patient care.

In NYS, there is an estimated 1.6 million, or 10.5% of the adult population diagnosed with diabetes ([BRFSS 2019](#)). With less than 5% of Medicare and NYS Medicaid beneficiaries and 6.8% of privately insured individuals diagnosed with diabetes enrolled in the program, the Diabetes Self-Management Education & Support (DSMES) services have been underutilized. In NYS for 2021, the total number of DSMES programs and sites was 206, with the CDC recognizing only 105 distinct programs. Two of these were pharmacies, only one being an active program. CPESN NY is thrilled these accreditations work drastically to increase pharmacy's presence providing DSMES in NYS.

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CPESN NY will continue to expand pharmacy service across NYS, especially for patients with social vulnerabilities. Today the access to care for patients with diabetes has distinctly improved due to the efforts of Alden Pharmacy Inc. (Alden, NY), ESCO Drug Inc. (New York, NY), and Niagara Apothecary Inc. (Niagara Falls, NY).

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About CPESN NY, LLC

CPESN NY, LLC / IPA is a registered healthcare entity within NYS. It is a clinically integrated statewide organization that has developed a network of pharmacies structured to advance community-based pharmacy practice. Their mission is to empower local pharmacies deeply rooted within the community by fostering the ability to provide high-quality, patient-centered enhanced services. CPESN NY pharmacies closely work with other providers on the patient's care team to help coordinate medical treatment, which has led to better medication adherence, higher patient satisfaction, and lower healthcare costs. CPESN NY is part of CPESN® USA, a nationwide network of pharmacy providers across America. To learn more, please visit www.cpesn.com.