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CPESN NY, LLC Pharmacies Gain Momentum as Three More Receive National Diabetes Accreditation.

Buffalo, N.Y. March 25, 2022 – CPESN NY LLC, an independent practice association of pharmacies focused on advancing community-based pharmacy practice, is pleased to announce three new pharmacies' diabetes education programs that have received recognition and accreditation through the Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists (ADCES). Allure Specialty Pharmacy (Bronx, NY), Cornerstone Drug & Gift (Rouses Point, NY), and Drug Mart (New York, NY) are among the exclusive list of pharmacies eligible to offer these proven diabetes management programs directly to patients.

The pharmacies completed a series of preparation and training, meeting the National Standards for Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support (DSMES). All three, including three other CPESN NY member pharmacies, are helping create a pathway to increase access to underutilized DSMES services in socially vulnerable New York State (NYS) communities for patients with diabetes. Through an NYS Department of Health grant, a select group participated in the diabetes accreditation program (ADCES), enabling payer engagement and expanding clinical opportunities. With an estimated 1.6 million, or 10.5% of the adult population diagnosed with diabetes in NYS (BRFSS 2019), the focus on improving diabetes-related outcomes is paramount.

These newly added patient-centered services will become an integral part of the patients' daily lives and lead to better care management. Due to the effects of the pandemic, healthcare options are limited and offering new transformative programs like DSMES positions community-based pharmacies as one of the up-and-coming leaders in diabetes management. Access to care for patients with diabetes has already shown improvement due to the efforts of the six accredited CPESN NY member pharmacies involved in the DSMES program. People living with diabetes now have additional opportunities through these community pharmacies' programs to take control and start living a healthier life today.

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About CPESN NY, LLC

CPESN NY, LLC / IPA is a registered healthcare entity within NYS. It is an independent practice association that has developed a network of 261 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.