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CPESN NY, LLC Pharmacies Helping People with Diabetes to Access Education and Support Services.

Buffalo, N.Y. May 1, 2024 – CPESN NY LLC, an independent practice association of more than 280 community pharmacies focused on advancing patient-centered care for chronic disease management, announces 14 additional pharmacies that have received accreditation for their diabetes education programs through the Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists (ADCES). These pharmacies include 8th Avenue Pharmacy (Brooklyn, NY), Amiable Pharmacy (Brooklyn, NY), Andy Pharmacy II (New York, NY), As-Salam Pharmacy Inc (Jamaica, NY), Brooks Pharmacy (Hamburg, NY), Church Ave Pharmacy Inc (Brooklyn, NY), Delco Drugs & Specialty Pharmacy Inc (Staten Island, NY), Health and Harmony Rx (Purchase, NY), Maggy Pharmacy Inc (Dannemora, NY), Pilgrim Pharmacy (Bronx, NY), Tu Quynh Pharmacy (New York, NY), Washingtonville Pharmacy (Washingtonville, NY), Wellness Pharmacy (New York, NY), and Youngs Pharmacy & General Store, LLC (Averill Park, NY). Showing unwavering support and commitment to enhancing patient-focused services, the number of nationally accredited pharmacies providing Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support (DSMES) services now reaches 39 sites statewide.

Focused on building and sustaining DSMES delivery sites, CPESN NY programs are well-positioned to impact those at risk for diabetes complications across the most socially vulnerable areas of New York State. Through innovative programming and strategies, proven diabetes management classes allow patients to take control and live healthier lives. Continued community pharmacy practice transformation will help empower program growth and establish resourceful billing networks. Where factors center on increasing referral patterns with local healthcare entities, pharmacies will look to leverage their strong partnerships. Accredited pharmacies with enrolled participants are seeing positive results and outcomes. The culmination of the prolonged program impact will be to develop a nationally recognized sustainability pathway for member pharmacies in diabetes education.

Over the past five years, the longstanding partnership with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has helped expand access to care and equitable services in community pharmacies, forming new pathways for increased healthcare needs. CPESN NY pharmacies have remained at the forefront of helping change the landscape of pharmacy practice. Through partnerships and an established, growing network, the advancement of patient care continues to have substantial effects on the communities these pharmacies serve. CPESN NY member <u>Gerould's Professional Pharmacies Inc.</u>, located in Elmira, NY, saw the need for DSMES services. They pursued an American Diabetes Association accreditation in 2023, solely on their own, to offer diabetes education and management services to their high-risk, vulnerable community.

Alongside DSMES services, pharmacies are now adding the National Diabetes Prevention Program to address the increasing burden of prediabetes, providing a greater chance to reduce or possibly eliminate a patient's risk of Type 2 diabetes. As long-time trusted healthcare experts, pharmacists are best positioned to reach many at-risk patients with health inequities, significantly improving access, quality of life, and whole health care.

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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 growing network of more than 280 pharmacies structured to advance community-based pharmacy practice. Its 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 <u>cpesnny.com</u>.