provider engagement dsmes & mnt benefits

**What is the prevalent type of diabetes within the SoonerCare population?**

*An estimated 75% of members with a diabetes diagnosis have type 2 diabetes.*

**Do I need to submit a new contract to render diabetes self-management services and bill?**

*Yes, whether you are contracting with SoonerCare for the first time or have for years, billing for DSMT requires a new contract.*

**What is the current rate for medical nutrition therapy (MNT)/nutrition counseling?**

*Rates are made public through our* [*website*](https://www.oklahoma.gov/ohca.html)*. The* [*fee schedule*](https://oklahoma.gov/ohca/providers/claim-tools/fee-schedule.html) *can be found on the* [*Providers page*](https://oklahoma.gov/ohca/providers.html) *under Claim Tools. The billing codes are 97802, 97803, and 97804.*

**Can pharmacists bill for diabetes self-management services?**

*Yes, pharmacists, registered nurses and registered dietitians can bill for DSMT; however, each must be working under an accredited DSMES program, enroll as a diabetes educator (provider type) and meet the required national standards (training and experience pertinent to diabetes self-management, 15 hours yearly).*

**Is it required that SoonerCare patients have obesity and another chronic disease to qualify for MNT?**

*Yes, at present, both are required.*

**Is there information on the SoonerCare website on how to become an accredited DSMES program?**

*Yes. On the* [*diabetes page for providers*](https://www.oklahoma.gov/ohca/providers/diabetes.html)*, there is a column to the right that contains a link to the* [*CDC’s DSMES Toolkit*](https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/dsmes-toolkit/)*. On that page is a link for the* [*DSMES Accreditation and Recognition Process*](https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/dsmes-toolkit/accreditation-recognition/index.html)*.*

**How do you find providers or facilities who can provide referrals for these programs?**

*On OHCA’s* [*home page*](https://www.oklahoma.gov/ohca.html)*, hover over the Providers tab, click Provider Enrollment, scroll down to Resources, then click on* [*DSMES Provider Search*](https://apps.okhca.org:456/OHCAProviderDirectory/)*.*