

Hello

I am a certified CDSMP/DSMP/Manejo Master Trainer by Stanford Patient education Self-management programs –Benton Franklin Health District in Kennewick, WA saw the need for these programs in our farm/rural community we are offering a six week 2.5 hour workshop for free and our public is taking advantage and participating in the six week series workshop where they learn tools to help manage their chronic illness and disease. But we cannot continue to offer these services for free unless we have a system in place to bill and get some type of reimbursement through their private insurances and Medicare coverage. We have heard and seen firsthand how this evidence based program has helped so many people who were thinking that there was no way out these tools empowered them to continue to live well through their conditions so we would like to continue to offer these services year after year but without the funding and reimbursement from their insurance coverage it's almost impossible.

We are asking you to provide some reimbursement for us to continue to sustain the Self-Management programs, we will and are continuing to provide them for free but our resources and overhead can only give so much. Please step in and help us get reimbursed and provide CDSMP/DSMP self-management workshops for free our public and our communities need the tools to continue to live healthier and active lives away from emergency rooms and Doctors' offices due to the lack of knowledge on how to take care of their needs and not knowing that they have the tools to get up when they feel discourage due to a bad day of chronic pain or illness.

Thank you



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