

## DCL Reward Instructions

If Bridges to Excellence has identified that you have eligible diabetes patients, you can receive the rewards offered under the Diabetes Care Link program by obtaining certification or recognition through NCQA's diabetes care performance assessment program.

To obtain the rewards available under the DCL program, you should take the following steps:

- 1. Contact NCQA to purchase application materials for the Diabetes Physician Recognition Program (DPRP).**
  - Visit NCQA's web site (<http://www.ncqa.org/dprp/>) or call NCQA's Customer Support at 1-888-275-7585 to purchase application materials.
  - To be eligible to apply to NCQA's diabetes performance assessment program, you must be an individual physician (MD or DO) who provides direct, continuing care for at least 35 patients with diabetes in a 12-month period.
  - Groups of two or more physicians who, by formal arrangement, share primary care responsibility for a common panel of diabetes patients also may be eligible to apply to NCQA's performance assessment program.
  
- 2. Determine whether you wish to apply to NCQA for diabetes care provider certification or recognition.**
  - For 1-year certification with NCQA, physicians must submit data on HbA1c, blood pressure, and lipid testing for their diabetes patients.
  - For 3-year recognition with NCQA, physicians must submit data on these same three outcome measures as needed for 1-year certification, as well as data on eye, foot, and nephropathy exams for their diabetes patients.
  
- 3. Submit your completed diabetes care performance assessment application to NCQA.**
  - NCQA will return your results within 30 days.
  - With at least 10 qualifying diabetes patients, you are eligible for a reimbursement of your fees paid to NCQA.
  - At your request, an optional risk-adjustment is available to the scoring for 1-year certification with NCQA.
  
- 4. Receive DCL reward check from Bridges to Excellence for passing NCQA's diabetes care performance criteria.**
  - If you obtain diabetes care provider certification or recognition with NCQA, you will receive during the following quarter a DCL reward check and, if eligible, reimbursement of your fees paid to NCQA.