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Benefits of Credentialed Diabetes Educators to people with diabetes and Australia

Key facts

1. Australian healthcare cost savings in 2014 would total an extraordinary \$3.9 billion and thousands of lives would improve if diabetes education programs were made available to all 1.37 million Australians with diabetes
2. For every dollar spent on diabetes education, more than \$16 in healthcare costs could be saved.
3. Providing diabetes education to every Australian with diabetes could save more than \$443,000 per hour.
4. It costs on average \$173 per annum to provide diabetes education to a person with diabetes and delivers an average healthcare cost saving of \$2,827.
5. It would cost \$237 million to provide diabetes education to the 1.37 million Australians with diabetes – just 6 per cent of the healthcare bill that could result from inadequate diabetes education.
6. Billions of dollars and thousands of lives could be saved if diabetes education was made available to every Australian with diabetes.
7. There is a shortage of Credentialed Diabetes Educators in Australia, with the current workforce capable of caring for only 57% of Australians with diabetes.
8. Out of pocket costs for patients are one of the main barriers to accessing diabetes education. Many private insurance companies do not cover diabetes education and Medicare funding is generally inadequate to cover all the needs of people diagnosed with diabetes – meaning many Australians must pay for their own diabetes education or do without.
9. Diabetes education is recommended as a cost-effective medical intervention by the World Health Organisation.

