



Umbrella Hub Arrangement Terminology

This guide contains terminology related to umbrella hub arrangements (UHAs) for organizations working towards sustainability of the National Diabetes Prevention Program (National DPP) lifestyle change program. Note that this guide will continue to be updated.

Billing and claims platform: An electronic platform able to bill and receive payments from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and other payers. In a UHA, the billing and claims platform can either be an in-house platform used by the UHO that all subsidiaries can access, or the UHO can contract with a third-party vendor for these services.

CDC-recognized organization: An organization that is qualified to deliver the National DPP lifestyle change program because they have either pending, preliminary, or full recognition from the CDC.

Community-based organization (CBO): A broad term for organizations delivering the National DPP lifestyle change program and can include Federally Qualified Health Centers, Area Agencies on Aging, pharmacies, tribes, local health departments, faith-based organizations, extension programs, small social service agencies, and/or other small health care providers.

Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program (DPRP): The quality assurance arm of the National DPP charged with evaluating organizations' performance in effectively delivering the lifestyle change program with quality and fidelity. The DPRP awards CDC-recognition to organizations that are utilizing a CDC-approved curriculum and achieving outcomes with participants based on established evidence-based national standards.

Health care payers: A public program or private company that reimburses providers for services. In the context of UHAs, the UHO may contract with a variety of payers on behalf of subsidiaries, allowing the subsidiaries to access multiple health care payer reimbursement streams. In addition to pursuing reimbursement from fee-for-service Medicare and Medicaid, when applicable, UHOs are also encouraged to contract with private payers such as:

- Medicare Advantage (MA) plans: Private plans that provide coverage to over 1/3 of Medicare beneficiaries. Per the 2018 Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) Final Rule, MA plans are required to cover the MDPP for eligible beneficiaries.
- Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs): Private plans that contract with Medicaid agencies in many states to provide coverage to Medicaid beneficiaries. Even in states that do not have the National DPP lifestyle change program as a Medicaid benefit, MCOs may be

interested in contracting with the UHO to help their members prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes.

- Self-insured employers: Many large employers self-fund their health care plans, which means they pay the health care claims for their employees and dependents. These employers may be interested in contracting with a UHO to help their employees prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes.
- Other private insurers: Private plans that insure the large employer market may also be interested in contracting with the UHO.

Health care providers: Refers to doctors, nurses, physician assistants, and other clinicians. Health care providers are key partners because they can help identify and refer eligible patients to the UHA.

Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) supplier: An organization with either preliminary or full (not pending) CDC-recognition that successfully completes the CMS application to become an MDPP supplier. In UHAs, the UHO will be the MDPP supplier; subsidiary organizations will bill CMS for reimbursement through the UHO.

Subsidiary organization: A community-based organization participating in the UHA that delivers the National DPP lifestyle change program and receives administrative support from the UHO. Subsidiary organizations may also be referred to as affiliates.

Sustainability: In the context of a UHA, sustainability refers to when the subsidiary organizations' are receiving reimbursement for delivering the National DPP lifestyle change program from reliable reimbursement dollars that can be maintained over a protracted period of time, rather than receiving reimbursement from short-term funding, such as grant funding.

Umbrella hub arrangement (UHA): Overarching term that refers to the entire group, inclusive of the UHO, subsidiaries, and the billing platform. This term is distinct from the term UHO (see below). The UHA may also be referred to as the umbrella arrangement or hub arrangement.

Umbrella hub agreements: Refers to contracts and charters or other business documents. These can include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Contract between the UHO and subsidiaries, detailing the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of all parties involved, including any financial arrangement between the UHO and subsidiaries.
- Charter between the UHO and subsidiaries, detailing the UHA's mission, objectives, and purpose.
- Master services agreement between the UHO and billing platform vendor, detailing the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of all parties involved.
- Business associate agreement and/or data use agreement detail expectations for private health information and/ or expectations for data use. These agreements are often between subsidiaries and the billing platform vendor and between the UHO and billing platform vendor.

Umbrella Hub Demonstration: Refers to the CDC-funded demonstration project. Unique to the demonstration, non-delivery organizations are permitted to function as the UHO. The demonstration will document best practices and lessons learned in connecting CBOs with the health care payment system through a UHA.

Umbrella hub organization (UHO): In a UHA, this organization, with full or preliminary CDC recognition, agrees to serve as the sponsoring hub for a group of organizations (subsidiaries) that have CDC pending, preliminary, or full recognition. The UHO provides administrative support to subsidiary organizations so organizations can focus on delivering the National DPP lifestyle change program.