

**A National Drive to
Find the Undiagnosed**

MedicareDiabetes

Screening Project

MDSP Kicks-Off in Columbus, GA

The Medicare Diabetes Screening Project (MDSP) is pleased to invite you and your colleagues to our pilot project launch on July 19, 2007. The event will be held at the Columbus Civic Center, 400 Fourth Street, Columbus, Georgia 31901 at 1:00pm. Come out and see the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Prevention and Wellness Bus, Mayor Jim Wetherington, and members of the Georgia General Assembly (TBD). Enjoy entertainment, refreshments, pick up materials on diabetes screening and prevention, and also get a free pedometer!

The MDSP will be joining the efforts of the Columbus Project, an initiative of the Columbus Research Foundation and the Center for Health Transformation, to improve the metabolic health of the entire community of Columbus, GA. Please contact [Sarah Nordstrom](#), [Maurice Madden](#), or [Andrea Giammona](#) for more information.

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did you know?

**1 in 3 Americans
born after the year
2000 will develop
diabetes in their
lifetime.**

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F.Y.I. Article Links:

[CDC Study Shows the Prevalence of Diabetes Rose 5% Per Year Since 1990](#)
[Prevention is Key! Diagnosis of Diabetes Shortens Life Span by 8 Years](#)

About Us:

There are 35 million seniors in Medicare who are 65 years or older. As many as 17 million of them have undiagnosed diabetes or pre-diabetes. Since the passage of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, Medicare now covers free screening tests for diabetes and pre-diabetes for at-risk seniors. However, initial data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) suggests that these benefits have been under-utilized.

That's why government, professional and private sector organizations, co-chaired by the American Diabetes Association and Novo Nordisk Inc., are joining forces to create awareness of the screening benefits for diabetes and pre-diabetes available under Medicare.

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