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Diabetes Care in Institutional Settings

Position Statement

People with diabetes should receive care that promotes the highest quality of life regardless of the setting.

People with diabetes have a right to timely, affordable and ongoing diabetes education and comprehensive treatment services provided with seamless coordination by a Diabetes Healthcare Team and other specialists as specified in the *Canadian Diabetes Association's 2008 Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Prevention and Management of Diabetes in Canada* and *Standards for Diabetes Education in Canada*.

Definition

Institutional Settings: Where residents require care and services provided by various certified/licensed service and care providers. Institutional settings may include nursing homes/long term care facilities, group homes, hospitals and correctional facilities.

Background and Rationale

People with diabetes may receive inadequate diabetes care when living in institutional settings. A prison, for instance, may not provide the residents with diabetes education, healthy food choices or the freedom to self monitor.