

Stepped Approach to Implementing IHS Best Practice for Diabetic Foot Care

Comprehensive Program

Includes all elements from the Intermediate Program, *plus the following:*

- Foot care team
- Wound healing specialist referrals
- Outreach services
- Tracking outcomes

Intermediate Program

Includes all elements from the Basic Program, *plus the following:*

- Foot care clinical practice guidelines
- Podiatry and footwear services available
- Field health training
- Monitoring the care process

Basic Program

- Diabetes team adopts standards of care
- DM registry in use
- Annual foot screening
- Risk-appropriate foot education
- Podiatry, footwear and field health referrals are being made
- Annual *IHS Diabetes Care and Outcomes Audit* in use

Is Your Program Ready? – “Do we have the following items in place?”

- Providers/community members perceive need for diabetic foot care
- Administrative support for CQI
- Functional IT support
- Access to foot care services
- Functional diabetes team