

Stepped Approach to Implementing IHS Best Practice for Diabetic Foot Care

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

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

Basic Program Elements:

- Diabetes team adopts standards of care
- DM registry is 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* is in use

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

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

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

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

[End of diagram.]