



National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators

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Montage Medical Group's Director of Diabetes Care Named Chair of the National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators

(Arlington Heights, IL – January 2019) – The National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators (NCBDE) announces that Leonard R. Sanders, MD, FACP, BC-ADM, CLS, CDE®, Director, Diabetes Care, for Montage Medical Group will serve as Chair of the organization in 2019.

“Leonard’s passion for quality diabetes education, as well as his commitment to NCBDE in its role as an organization that certifies health professionals in this specialty, will be an important facet of the organization’s efforts to promote education provided by Certified Diabetes Educators to the many stakeholders in the diabetes environment, especially individuals living with diabetes and the primary care providers who must confront this chronic disease on a daily basis,” said NCBDE’s Chief Executive Officer Sheryl Traficano, MBA, CAE.

As Chair, Dr. Sanders will lead the organization as it works to promote comprehensive and ongoing quality diabetes education and support through an accredited program for health professionals seeking to become Certified Diabetes Educators (CDEs). “During a time of decreasing diabetes specialists and increasing numbers of people living with diabetes, NCBDE remains committed to providing a quality credentialing process for more diabetes educators and to working with other healthcare organizations to recognize the CDE® credential as an important identifier for providing quality diabetes self-management education and support.”

Dr. Sanders has many years of experience in direct patient care, administration, teaching, and research. Past roles included Chief of Endocrinology at William Beaumont Army Medical Center, Chief of Nephrology at Lovelace Medical Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and nine years as Directors of Diabetes Care for the Pima Indians at the Gila River Health Care in

Phoenix, Arizona. He moved to Monterey, California, in 2016 where he joined Montage Medical Group.

NCBDE is a national not-for-profit certification organization that awards the CDE® credential to qualified individuals and there are currently over 19,700 health professionals holding the CDE® credential. The CDE® program is accredited through the National Commission for Certifying Agencies.

NCBDE was established in 1986 to develop and administer a certification program for health professionals who facilitate people in acquiring the knowledge, skill, and ability necessary for prediabetes and diabetes self-care, as well as activities that assist a person in implementing and sustaining the health practices needed to manage the condition on an ongoing basis, beyond or outside of formal self-management training. NCBDE's mission is to promote comprehensive and ongoing quality diabetes education and support by defining, developing, maintaining, and protecting the certification and credentialing processes. NCBDE supports the concept of voluntary, periodic certification for all diabetes educators who meet credential and experience eligibility requirements. For more information on NCBDE, visit the web site at www.ncbde.org or contact the national office at info@ncbde.org or 847-228-9795.

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