POLICY | PURPOSE STATEMENT:
The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the outcome collection process to include patient data and program data.

SCOPE:
This policy applies to and will be distributed to all employees of the Diabetes Education Center.

DEFINITIONS:

American Association of Diabetes Educators: An association that offers a simplified and streamlined application process that meets the highest quality reimbursement set forward by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

American Diabetes Association (ADA): To promote quality education for people with diabetes the ADA endorses the National Standard for Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support. If you are seeking reimbursement for diabetes education, it is appropriate to apply for ADA Recognition on your diabetes education program or service.

Diabetes Self-Management Education (DSME): The ongoing process of facilitation the knowledge, skill and ability necessary for diabetes self-care.

National Standards for Diabetes Self: Management Education-Are designed to define quality DSME and support and to assist diabetes educators in providing evidence-based education and self-management support.

PROCEDURE:

1. Outcome measures will be determined in two ways:
   a. Required measures and benchmarks as stated by the National Standards for Diabetes Self-Management Education as required by American Diabetes Association and American Association of Diabetes Educators.
      i. Hemoglobin A1C
      ii. Annual foot exam
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iii. Daily self-foot exams
iv. Annual dilated eye exam

b. At the Advisory Committee meeting the committee will determine which outcome measures are important and should be documented. The committee will set any benchmarks for measures it chooses to monitor.

2. The Director will keep a database that includes all the outcome measures in one place to make collection and gathering data easier.

3. This database shall be updated every month and will be used to gather data for the American Diabetes Association Accreditation process and the American Association of Diabetes Educators Diabetes Education Accreditation Program process.

RESPONSIBILITIES | REVIEW | REVISIONS:
It is the responsibility of the Policy & Procedures Committee to review and initiate necessary revisions based on collaboration and input by Policy and Procedure committee and through Administrative management of this policy, including the review and revisions will be the responsibility of the department administrator.

RIGHT TO CHANGE POLICY:
TTUHSC SON Combest reserves the right to interpret, change, modify, amend or rescind this policy in whole or in part at any time to reflect the changes in policy and/or law.