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### **Harbor Beach Community Hospital Diabetes Education Program Merits American Diabetes Association Recognition**

The prestigious American Diabetes Association Education Recognition Certificate for a quality diabetes self-management education program was recently awarded to the Harbor Beach Community Hospital Diabetic Education program in April to Michelle Pasiak, RN Program Coordinator. The program was originally recognized in January of 2018. American Diabetes Association believes that this program offers high-quality education that is an essential component of effective diabetes treatment.

The Association's Education Recognition Certificate assures that educational programs meet the National Standards for Diabetes Self-Management Education Programs. These Standards were developed and tested under the auspices of the National Diabetes Advisory Board in 1983 and were revised by the diabetes community in 1994, 2000, 2007 and 2012.

Programs apply for recognition voluntarily. Programs that achieve recognition status have a staff of knowledgeable health professionals who can provide participants with comprehensive information about diabetes management. "The process gives professional a national standard by which to measure the quality of services they provide, comments, Michelle Pasiak, RN. And, of course, it assures the consumer that he or she will likely receive high-quality service." Education recognition status is verified by an official certificate from American Diabetes Association and awarded for four years.

For more information on Diabetic Education call Michelle at 989-479-3929 or to schedule an appointment with her call central scheduling at 989-479-5024.