

as the manager of a Diabetes Education program, I witness the expertise of the 6 RDs who work in partnership with the RNs to support self-management for people living with diabetes. The professional preparation and continued learning of my staff enable them to provide mentorship to their colleagues, as well as a balanced and knowledgeable perspective to support clients. The capacity and need for RDs to be able to order bloodwork related to diabetes management, as well as collect capillary blood specimens would streamline care and support the function of the team as a whole. Insulin and oral hypoglycemic adjustment is becoming more an integral part of diabetes management. My staff already have the expanded knowledge that would allow this added function, and maximize service to clients as well as take advantage of all skills existing within the team. I fully support the recommended changes in scope of practice as cited above.

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