



July 22, 2015

United States Preventive Services Task Force  
Workgroup on Child and Adolescent Health  
540 Gaither Road  
Rockville, MD 20850

**Re: Follow up to December 2014 Letter Recommending that the USPSTF Begin an Evidence Review for Screening for Abnormal Glucose and Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus in Children and Adolescents**

Dear Members of the USPSTF Workgroup on Child and Adolescent Health,

In December 2014, the Diabetes Advocacy Alliance™ (DAA) sent a letter recommending that the USPSTF initiate an evidence review on screening for abnormal glucose and type 2 diabetes mellitus in children and adolescents, in preparation for a screening guideline for this population group.

The DAA is comprised of 20 member groups representing patient, professional, and trade associations, other nonprofit organizations, and corporations. The DAA strives to influence change in health care policy and in the US health care system to improve diabetes prevention, detection and care.

We are writing today to follow up on our December 19, 2104 letter, as we believe this is a critically important issue. In the months since our letter, the number of cases of type 2 diabetes among our youth has only increased—especially among minority populations —based on the epidemiologic trend of rising prevalence of type 2 diabetes mellitus in children and adolescents.

A review of your website, indicates that USPSTF has issued 45 guidelines applicable to the pediatric and adolescent population since 1996, only one of which was issued in 2015. We are interested in better understanding the priorities of the task force for 2015 and 2016, and whether screening for T2DM in children and adolescents is in the queue for consideration for an evidence review.

As prevention needs to start in childhood and adolescence before behaviors become entrenched and complications begin to take hold, we believe it is critically important for the task force to initiate the evidence review process in preparation for a screening guideline so we can identify youth at the very earliest stages of diabetes to ensure healthy futures not burdened by diabetes.

**The DAA has a history of positive engagement with AHRQ and the USPSTF, and we look forward to working together to prevent type 2 diabetes mellitus in children and adolescents.** We are available to provide further information or assist with any additional questions; please feel free to contact DAA Co-chairs Henry Rodriguez,

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