

**Jim McGowan**  
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Jim McGowan is the Minnesota Director of the Medicare Diabetes Screening Project, which is an initiative co-chaired by the American Diabetes Association, the HealthCare Leadership Council and Novo Nordisk.

With over 20 years of working as an advocate on behalf of people with diabetes, Jim has played a leadership role in many public policy and legislative successes in his home state of Minnesota and at the Federal level. As Chair of Government Affairs for the Minnesota Area American Diabetes Association, Jim led the Minnesota initiative which required insurance coverage to be offered at the American Diabetes Association's Standard of Care, which has subsequently been accomplished in a total of 46 states. He recently completed 3-years as Chair of the Minnesota Diabetes Steering Committee, which advises the Minnesota State Department of Health Diabetes Prevention and Control Program. During that time, the committee began several new initiatives aimed at diabetes prevention and treating pre-diabetes, including the development of pre-diabetes algorithms for both adults and youth, and the development of community-based prevention programs.

Jim is currently a member of the American Diabetes Association's Legislative Subcommittee, which recommends state and federal initiatives to the ADA Board of Directors. He has also served as Chair of the ADA's Information and Technology Services Committee and as Chair of the Great Lakes Region.

As a parent of a son with Type 1 diabetes, Jim brings a strong personal dedication to the fight to defeat diabetes.