

PRESS RELEASE

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From: TIPDON, Northern Michigan's Diabetes Outreach Network 231-237-9681
Re: TIPDON Is Closing
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TIPDON Is Preparing To Close after 15 Years of Service

TIPDON, Northern Michigan's Diabetes Outreach Network, has served 27 counties in the lower peninsula of Michigan for the past 15 years. Partnering with health agencies, health professionals, and community members and groups, TIPDON has served as a resource for public and professional education, information on the promotion of strengthening diabetes prevention, detection, and management, and brought awareness to the rising threat of diabetes in Michigan.

Due to the current State budget crisis, Healthy Michigan Dollars, normally used to fund the grants for the Michigan Diabetes Outreach Network and other programs aimed at improving the health of Michigan residents, may be allocated elsewhere. Therefore, we expect that TIPDON's grant will not be refunded for the next fiscal year, and are preparing to shut our doors effective September 30, 2009.

It has been a pleasure working with all of our partners and the communities on so many diabetes projects and programs. Many successes have been achieved, and programs implemented. TIPDON's hope is that the programs that have been established will continue to have a positive impact on the lives of the people with diabetes.

You will find our resource information such as the educational learning modules, links to diabetes education programs, support groups and other programs of interest on the Diabetes Partners in Action website at www.dpacmi.org maintained by the Michigan Department of Community Health Diabetes Prevention and Control Program. The American Diabetes Association can be reached by calling 800-342-2382 or you can visit their website at www.diabetes.org.

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