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# **Making Healthcare Accessible for ALL Rhode Islanders**

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## **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Accessibility of physicians' offices, clinics and other health care facilities is essential in providing medical care to people with disabilities. Recently added to Healthy People 2020 is the objective to reduce the number of people with disabilities who report a delay in receiving preventive care or primary care others take for granted. Such care includes being weighed, preventative dental care, pelvic exams, x-rays, physical examinations, colonoscopies and vision screenings.

Most physicians want to provide their best medical care to all their patients but the need to eliminate barriers such as inaccessible medical equipment and lack of trained health care professionals still exists. This conference will provide the much needed disability training as well as highlight the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as it applies to medical practices.

## **TARGET AUDIENCE**

Physicians and healthcare professionals interested in increasing their competency for accommodating instead of simply "helping" patients with disabilities.

## **LEARNING OBJECTIVE**

At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Identify the barriers to accessible healthcare in their practices
- Describe the best practices in providing the accessible healthcare needs of all patients
- Identify potential sources of risk to patient and employee safety due to lack of appropriate access
- Formulate solutions to removing the barriers and avoiding the risks to safety.

