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Dear Provider:

DHCS wishes the managed care plans to share the following with the network providers. Below are the links to the articles. To view previous Educational Articles please go to the DHCS website at <a href="http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/edarticles.aspx">http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/edarticles.aspx</a>.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has modified its position on removing its strongest warning against using cholesterol-lowering statin medicines in pregnant patients. Despite that change, the FDA still recommends most patients stop statins once they learn they are pregnant.

Follow the link below to access the complete DHCS FFS Education Article concerning the removal of Pregnancy Contraindication for Statins. <u>https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/Articles/dured\_31306.pdf</u>

Sincerely,

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