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Dear MIP Providers,

Today, the U.S. CDC and FDA lifted the pause on the use of the J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine. This means that, effective immediately, you may resume administration of this vaccine using your existing supply.

After an 11-day pause to review the scientific information around rare blood clots, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (U.S. FDA) and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (U.S. CDC) announced that vaccine providers could resume use of the J&J vaccine.

The U.S. CDC and FDA's decision comes after a thorough investigation of the data and demonstrates the strength of the U.S. vaccine safety system. Today's resumption of J&J vaccine authorization means that the State can again use this vaccine, which is key to our efforts to vaccinate Maine people quickly and equitably.

As soon as the U.S. CDC makes additional J&J vaccine available for ordering, Maine CDC will place orders.

Regards,

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