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Dear Physician/Provider:

The Florida Department of Health (Department) thanks you for your commitment to the overall health and wellness of your patients. The collaboration with our providers plays a key role in improving the health of Florida's residents and visitors.

During the 2022 legislative session, House Bill 543 passed creating section 381.9312, Florida Statutes. This legislation tasked the Department with creating an electronic database to capture information on the prevalence of and treatments for women with uterine fibroids in Florida. The bill also requires the Department to create educational materials related to uterine fibroids. Section 381.9312, F.S., was amended during the 2026 legislative session to: 1) allow for the collection of personally identifying information in the uterine fibroids database and 2) make records and personally identifying information exempt from public records requests.

The purpose of the database is to encourage research relating to the diagnosis and treatment of uterine fibroids and to ensure women are provided with the relevant information and health care necessary to prevent and treat uterine fibroids. The database must include, but need not be limited to, the following information:

- Incidence and prevalence of women diagnosed with uterine fibroids in the state
- Demographic attributes of women diagnosed with uterine fibroids in the state
- Treatments and procedures for uterine fibroids used by health care providers in the state

State law requires health care providers to submit information relating to diagnosis and treatment of uterine fibroids to the Department in a form and manner prescribed by Department rule for inclusion in the database. Such information may be submitted along with any reports or other information the health care provider is required to submit to the Department.

The database will also be used to increase public awareness of uterine fibroids. The Department shall develop and include information related to uterine fibroids in its women's health care educational materials currently made available to the public.

If you have any questions, please contact Angel Watson by telephone at 850-558-9688 or by email at UterineFibroids@FLHealth.gov. You can also find additional resources at Uterine Fibroids - Florida Department of Health

Sincerely,

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