



LADIES FIRST PROVIDER

# NEWSGRAM

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## Ladies First adds new services, cutbacks affect another

### Heart Health Program Kicks Off

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Ladies First now pays for cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk-factor screening for members 40+ (*CDC policy requires a **cholesterol screening** and **two blood pressure readings***).

Along with their test results, Ladies First members who participate in the CVD screening also receive an invitation to participate in our heart-healthy **Programs** that include great information and assistance with nutrition, physical activity, and smoking cessation. To refer a screened patient, please fill out a Ladies First Lifestyle Prescription Form and have her call Kate at 1-800-508-2222.

### New Groups Energize Ladies First

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Active Living Every Day groups will begin this fall throughout the state! These groups are designed to assist sedentary people add physical activity to their daily lives. All Ladies First members screened for CVD are eligible for these **FREE** groups. Please refer members to Kate (1-800-508-2222) for more information.

### Cutbacks Affect Administrative Fee Payout

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As of August 1, 2003, Ladies First will no longer be able to pay the additional \$25 administrative fee associated with the breast

and cervical cancer screening. This unfortunate change is due to a reduced CDC grant that took effect this month (July, 2003). This cutback underscores the importance of the Screening Report Forms to our bottom line.

It is **essential** that you fill out *and* return the Screening Report Forms in a timely manner. When we don't receive these forms, we can't provide the CDC with the information they need to fund our project.

Over the next few months, our staff will be contacting all providers that we've already paid, but who haven't submitted the necessary screening information. Please respond as quickly as possible to these requests.

### Financial Help for Cervical Dysplasia Patients

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If you have a Ladies First program member without private insurance or Medicaid who is recommended for cervical dysplasia treatment, please notify us immediately. They could be eligible for Medicaid through the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act, and we will help them enroll. The application and enrollment process takes about two weeks, so please take that into consideration when scheduling treatment services. Contact the Provider Support Line at 1-800-510-2282.

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