



The government shutdown is an evolving story. We are slowly receiving information on the overall implications of the shutdown on services. The White House Office of Management and Budget has a website of each [agency's official contingency plan](#). In addition, there is a [website with a hotline and up-to-date information](#) about the shutdown. The following is an overview of program details we have pieced together from the materials provided through the above link.

Department of Agriculture

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will continue operations and eligible households will still receive monthly benefits for October. The authority to make October benefit payments comes from the Recovery Act, through which Congress provided "such sums as are necessary" to finance the SNAP benefit provided for in the Recovery Act.

The Child Nutrition (CN) Programs, including School Lunch, School Breakfast, Child and Adult Care Feeding, Summer Food Service and Special Milk will continue operations into October.

No additional federal funds will be available to support the Commodity Assistance Programs (CAP) including the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) administrative funding, and the WIC Farmers' Markets Nutrition Program (FMNP).

Department of Health and Human Services

Here is the overall plan for HHS:

http://www.hhs.gov/budget/fy2014/fy2014contingency_staffing_plan-rev6.pdf

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) will continue mandatory funded programs including the Federal Parent Locator Service, Personal Responsibility Education, and Health Profession Opportunity Grants. Child support and foster care services will also continue because they receive advanced appropriations in the FY 2013 appropriation process. All permissible activities for the Unaccompanied Alien Children program under an exception of preserving human life will continue. ACF would not continue quarterly formula grants for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Child Care, Social Services Block Grant, Refugee Programs, Child Welfare Services and the Community Service Block Grant programs. Additionally new discretionary grants, including Head Start and social services programs, will not be made.

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) will continue to support the Aging and Disability Resource Centers and Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control through mandatory

appropriations. ACL will not fund the Senior Nutrition programs, Native American Nutrition and Supportive Services, Prevention of Elder Abuse and Neglect, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program, and Protection and Advocacy for persons with developmental disabilities. We specifically note that ACL does not provide guidance for other Older Americans Act programs.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will continue programs such as the Disaster Distress Helpline, Treatment Locator, Treatment Referral Line, and Suicide Prevention Lifeline using available grant balances. SAMHSA will be unable to monitor grants or contracts, including activities requiring on-site supervision.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will continue large portions of ACA (Obamacare) activities, including coordination between Medicaid and the Marketplace, as well as insurance rate reviews, and assessment of a portion of insurance premiums that are used on medical services. In the short term, the Medicare Program will continue largely without disruption. Additionally, other nondiscretionary activities including Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control, Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation, and Pre-existing Condition Insurance Plan activities will continue. States will have funding for Medicaid into October due to the advanced appropriation enacted in the FY 2013 appropriations legislation, as well as for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). CMS will be unable to continue discretionary funding for health care fraud and abuse strike force teams resulting in the cessation of their operations. Fewer recertification and initial surveys for Medicare and Medicaid providers will be completed, putting beneficiaries at risk of quality of care deficiencies.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

For Section 202 and 811 Housing, there will be no construction draws or construction inspections done in the first 10 days of any shutdown and the situation will then be re-evaluated as needed for use of intermittent staff.

Department of Transportation

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will not continue any of its unfunded core agency functions. No grants, cooperative agreements, contracts, purchase orders, travel authorizations, or other documents obligating funds would be executed. FTA will not obligate grant funds for projects carried out by approximately 1,300 grantees throughout the country as FTA staff that perform these functions are not considered excepted employees.

Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will maintain the operations of the National Service Trust Fund, the VISTA Advance Payment Revolving Fund, National Civilian Community Corps, and FEMA Corps because payments from those accounts are not contingent on annual appropriations. For the most part, previously awarded grants and cooperative agreements will not be affected by the absence of current appropriations although there will be no CNCS oversight or assistance provided to grantees until normal operations resume or a long-term orderly shutdown is begun, however, no new grants will be awarded during this period and program and grants staff will not be available to provide assistance to grantees.