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### Federal Government Operations in the Event of a Federal Government Shutdown

With the United States Congress continuing to deliberate on a way to keep the federal government fully funded beyond the funding deadline, AAMVA members are reminded that essential government functions and AAMVA systems will continue to operate as normal.

As a general rule of thumb, appropriations-reliant programs or systems that draw from the general fund are those that are directly impacted. The essential U.S. DOT services and programs that members rely on are excluded from these immediate and direct impacts as Highway Trust Fund operations continue during a lapse in annual appropriations. It should also be noted that systems or programs which contribute directly toward protecting the safety of human life and the protection of property are considered "essential" programs and are protected from a lapse in funding.

Guidance on how federal agencies are generally expected to react to a shutdown has been outlined by the White House's Office of Management and Budget (OMB), cited generally as OMB Circular A-11, [Section 124](#). However, without additional Congressional approval prior to the December 21 deadline, other federal agencies that are reliant on direct annual appropriations will be mandated to immediately shut down.

Should Congressional funding continue to lapse, AAMVA will advise its membership of the publication of individual agency shutdown contingency plans as they are made available.

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