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**RE:** Partial Government Shutdown Impact

On Saturday December 22, 2018, funding for 9 of the 15 federal agencies expired and a partial shutdown was triggered. Unfortunately, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is among the 9 federal agencies impacted by the shutdown.

HUD provides 100% of the funding to agencies nationally that administer the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program. It is through this formula allocation that the federal government provides budget authority to issue Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) to private market landlords who make units available to families participating in the HCV program.

The partial shutdown of the federal government if continued may delay future Housing Assistance Payments to landlords. However, at this time, it is anticipated that HUD's current HAP funding levels will allow for timely HAP disbursement to private market landlords through the month of February.

We will keep you informed as we learn more. You are welcome to contact your Senator and local representative in Congress:

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Senator Rob Portman (216) 522 -7095

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