Draft shut down messages (pre-shut down):

Dear Commission member,

As you may have read in media reports, Congress must pass spending bills by March 8th to avert a partial shutdown of the federal government. As such, the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission is preparing for the possibility of a temporary shutdown.

In the event of a lapse in appropriations, MACPAC, the Commission, and most of its employees would be subject to a temporary shutdown, meaning that work cannot be performed during the shutdown on behalf of the Commission. Staff will be unable to respond to Commissioner requests during this period. We will continue to monitor the situation, and will inform you on Monday, March 11thshould a lapse in appropriations occur.

In the meantime, please reach out to me or Annie for additional information.

Thank you for your patience throughout this process, and for all that you do on behalf of MACPAC.

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**Research Contractors (funded)**

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If such a shutdown should occur, and you have a funded contract with MACPAC, contractors should do the following:

* Continue ongoing work until you require feedback, input, or a decision regarding any deliverable or deliverables from MACPAC staff, or you had a pre-scheduled project check-in meeting with MACPAC staff, whichever occurs first;
* Vendors can continue to submit deliverables, but MACPAC staff will not respond or provide feedback until after the shutdown has ended; and,
* Assume that any pre-scheduled meeting with MACPAC staff is cancelled during the shutdown.

Depending on the length of the shutdown and the nature of the work, MACPAC staff will discuss possible changes to timelines and deliverables once normal operations resume. In the meantime, please reach out to me with any questions and share this correspondence with your colleagues who work on MACPAC funded projects.

Thank you for your patience through this process, and for all that you do on behalf of MACPAC.

**Administrative Contractors**

As you may have read in media reports, Congress must pass spending bills by March 8thto avert a partial shutdown of the federal government. As such, the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission is preparing for the possibility of a temporary shutdown. Staff will be unable to respond to you during this period. We will continue to monitor the situation, and will inform you on Monday, March 11th should a lapse in appropriations occur. **Due to the nature of your agreement with MACPAC, you may continue to provide services to MACPAC with minimal supervision and oversight, since your agreement has been funded out of a previous fiscal year.**

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**Employees**

Good morning,

As discussed during a recent staff meeting and reviewed in our previous shutdown plan, annual funding for parts of the federal government, which include MACPAC, expires after March 8th . MACPAC has been planning for all contingencies, including the possibility that a lapse in appropriations could occur, leading to a partial government shutdown onMarch 9th . As a reminder, attached is the “[Guidance for Shutdown Furloughs](https://macpacgov.box.com/s/k0l0knkozqza0javraku1gma42by6rnv)” document provided by OPM, as well as the slide presentation for MACPAC employees.

**If such a shutdown should occur, I will email staff on Monday, March 11th with further instructions. In preparation for a shutdown, employees should use the following out-of-office responses:**

**Email**:

Hello,

Thank you for your email. I am on furlough without access to email, due to the lapse in federal government funding. I will return your message as soon as possible once operations resume.

**Voice mail**:

Hello, you have reached [NAME] at MACPAC. I am on furlough due to the lapse in federal government funding. Please note that I do not have access to email or voicemail. I will return your message once operations resume.

Instructions on changing your voicemail are located here [on Box](https://macpacgov.box.com/s/317hf0ozqxelohix3kbw488y6uki8a02).

Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and patience through this process, and for all that you do for MACPAC.

**During shut down**:

**Employee out of office**:

Hello,

Thank you for your email. I am on furlough without access to email, due to the lapse in federal government funding. I will return your message as soon as possible once operations resume.

**Voice mail**: Hello, you have reached [NAME] at MACPAC. I am on furlough due to the lapse in federal government funding. Please note that I do not have access to email or voicemail. I will return your message once operations resume.

**MACPAC web site**:

The web site of the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission will not be updated during the temporary government shutdown. We will resume posting new content and responding to messages when operations resume.

**Commissioners**:

Dear Commission member,

The Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission is temporarily shut down due to a lapse in federal government funding. During this time, work cannot be performed on behalf of the Commission. Staff will be unable to respond to Commissioner requests during this period. We will continue to monitor the situation. As we discussed during the March Commission meeting, Melanie and I will discuss potential changes in our work or meeting schedule should the shutdown last more than five consecutive business days.

Thank you for your patience through this process, and for all that you do for MACPAC.

**Employees**:

The Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission is temporarily shut down due to a lapse in federal government funding. If you are receiving this notice, you are subject to a temporary furlough.

**No work can be performed during the shutdown on behalf of the Commission**. This includes checking and responding to email, or participating in meetings. As a reminder, attached is the “[Guidance for Shutdown Furloughs](https://macpacgov.box.com/s/k0l0knkozqza0javraku1gma42by6rnv)” document provided by OPM, as well as the slide presentation for MACPAC employees.

HR is processing final timesheets on your behalf. This email serves as your furlough notice. HR will also send you an SF-8, which is needed to complete your unemployment filing, should you need to access those resources.

As noted in earlier meetings and communications, please monitor the news for updates. You will receive an email once the shutdown ends.

Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and patience through this process, and for all that you do for MACPAC.

**Contractors (funded)**: [Link to email addresses for funded and unfunded contractors](https://macpacgov.app.box.com/file/1307306877076)

The Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission is temporarily shut down due to a lapse in federal government funding. Staff will be unable to respond to you during this period.

As a reminder, contractors with funded work from MACPAC should do the following:

* Continue ongoing work until you require feedback and input on any deliverables from MACPAC staff, or you had a pre-scheduled project check-in meeting with MACPAC staff that needs to be cancelled, whichever occurs first;
* Vendors can continue to submit deliverables, but MACPAC staff will not respond or provide feedback until after the shutdown has ended; and
* Assume that any pre-scheduled meeting with MACPAC staff is cancelled.

Depending on the length of the shutdown and the nature of the work, MACPAC staff will discuss possible changes to timelines and deliverables once normal operations resume.

Thank you for your patience through this process, and for all that you do on behalf of MACPAC.

**Contractors (unfunded)**:[Link to email addresses for funded and unfunded contractors](https://macpacgov.app.box.com/file/1307306877076)

The Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission is temporarily shut down due to a lapse in federal government funding. Staff will be unable to respond to you during this period. **Due to the nature of your agreement with MACPAC, you must cease providing services to MACPAC (starting March 9th 2024 ) until you receive further notification from MACPAC contracting.**

Thank you for your patience through this process, and for all that you do on behalf of MACPAC.

**Message for press (to be placed on Caroline’s email)**:

Hello,

Thank you for your email. If you are a member of the media, please note that I am on furlough without access to email, due to the lapse in federal government funding. I will return your message as soon as possible once operations resume. In the meantime, you may visit macpac.gov for information.