



To: Local Behavioral Health Authority, Core Service Agency, Local Addictions Authority Leadership
From: Behavioral Health Administration
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Given the uncertainty surrounding the length of the current federal government shutdown, the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) is providing this update on its planning and next steps.

Our primary goal remains to maintain essential behavioral health services for Marylanders. Please continue to be in close contact with us regarding any **specific service impacts** you are seeing, and share any unanswered questions you may have. You may email bha.policyandplanning@maryland.gov with questions.

[SAMHSA](#) has shared that they plan to continue with critical federal resources such as the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. They will continue to receive and respond to Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) regulation exception requests and emergency situations related to the provision of medications for opioid use disorder. Finally, existing major federal grant awards such as the State Opioid Response Grant Program and the Mental Health and Substance Use Block Grant, will be available during this federal government shutdown.

Please use and share the resources for Marylanders impacted by the shutdown provided by the [Governor's Office](#). We will continue to share additional information and guidance as it becomes available.