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MEMORANDUM

Partial Federal Government Shutdown: The Effects On The Housing Choice Voucher Program

Voucher Program participants and *Property Owners* who participate in the several Housing Choice Voucher Programs (HCV, FUP, VASH, Homeownership) and the Project-based Voucher Program (PBV) in DuPage County and Kendall County will continue to have all regular services through February 28, 2019. This includes subsidy (rent) being paid to landlords.

If the shutdown continues after February 28, 2019, no federal funding has been approved at this time to be able to pay monthly subsidy (rent) to landlords beginning with the March 1, 2019 payments. DHA will also not have funding approved to make escrow payments for the Family Self-sufficiency (FSS) participants.

We do not anticipate the shutdown lasting that long and fully expect program services will be fully funded in order that all payments due will be paid on time with no interruption. In the outside chance there is an interruption in payments, once funding is approved, any back payments not made will be paid retroactively to the date they were due to be paid.

In the meantime we ask that you contact your Congressional and US Senate representatives to demand for the shut-down to end and the federal government reopened.

Thank-you.

Sincerely,

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