**Website Banner:**

UPDATE

All VA medical facilities and clinics are fully operational at this time. More information on the impact of the temporary government shutdown at VA is available [here](http://www.va.gov/opa/appropriations_lapse_plan.asp). (Links to Appropriations Lapse page at https://www.va.gov/opa/appropriations\_lapse\_plan.asp)

**Appropriations Lapse Plan and Field Guide :**

See attached documents:

* VA Appropriations Lapse Plan Page
* Impact of lapse in appropriations on VA services – February 2018

**Twitter:**

*Tweets for Shutdown Day:*

* #VAntagePoint: Impact of lapse in appropriations on VA services – February 2018 (Link to VAntagePoint field guide blog)
* All VA medical facilities and clinics are fully operational at this time. Read more on VA operations in the absence of appropriations here (Link to VAntagePoint field guide blog)
* VA's Veterans Crisis Line and other key call centers are open and not impacted by the partial government shutdown. Read more here (Link to VAntagePoint field guide blog)
* VA committed to providing premiere, consistent care and service to Veterans and their families at all times. Read more on VA operations in the absence of appropriations here (Link to VAntagePoint field guide blog)
* Much of VA, including @VeteransHealth, received advance appropriations for fiscal year 2018 as part of the 2017 budget. As a result, Veterans health services are operating fully. Read more (Link to VAntagePoint field guide blog)

**Extended shutdown scheduled content (if DME does not report):**

**Twitter:**

* Due to shutdown/furloughs, @deptvetaffairs is suspending routine posts, but @VeteransHealth WILL post critical info for Veterans, VA employees
* Scheduled tweets with information critical to Veterans will be posted while the @deptvetaffairs team is away due to shutdown/furloughs.
* VA is sorry to say that due to shutdown furloughs, after [DATE] we won’t be responding to @ replies. Visit [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) for info.

*Recurring tweets currently scheduled through our SproutSocial account:*

* If you find yourself in a crisis situation, please call the Veterans Crisis Line for help: http://veteranscrisisline.net/\*scheduled\*
* VA's Veterans Crisis Line and other key call centers are open and not impacted by gov’t shutdown (Link to VAntagePoint field guide blog) \*scheduled\*
* All VA medical facilities and clinics are fully operational during the gov’t shutdown. Read more here (Link to VAntagePoint field guide blog) \*scheduled\*
* During shutdown/furloughs, please follow @VeteransHealth to stay informed on VA updates \*scheduled\*

*Tweets we suggest @VeteransHealth send out:*

* All VA medical facilities and clinics are fully operational during the gov’t shutdown. Read more here (Link to VAntagePoint field guide blog)
* VA's Veterans Crisis Line and other key call centers are open and not impacted by gov’t shutdown (Link to VAntagePoint field guide blog)

**Facebook:**

As a result of the Federal government shutdown and furloughs resulting from the lapse in appropriations, VA’s digital media team will no longer be posting or replying here on Facebook. While you won’t see regular updates from us, critical information for our Veterans and employees WILL be posted by the Veterans Health Administration team at <https://www.facebook.com/VeteransHealth>. You may continue to see some important scheduled posts; however, we are not at work due to furlough and are not able to reply to those posts.

Even though the lapse in funding has closed some offices and programs at VA, the majority of VA employees will continue to provide many vital services to our Veterans. Please remember that all VA medical centers and clinics will remain fully operational and will continue to provide health care services to our nation’s Veterans during the government shutdown. Previously scheduled VA health care appointments are not affected. For the latest information on what is and is not impacted at VA, visit our website. <http://www.va.gov/opa/appropriations_lapse_plan.asp>

*Scheduled Facebook Posts:*

***Mondays***

Please remember that all VA medical centers and clinics are fully operational and will continue to provide health care services to our nation’s Veterans during the government shutdown. Previously scheduled VA health care appointments are not affected by the shutdown. For the latest information on what is and is not impacted at VA, visit our website. <http://www.va.gov/opa/appropriations_lapse_plan.asp>

\*This is a pre-scheduled post. Due to the government shutdown and resulting staff furloughs, this post will not be monitored and specific questions cannot be answered.

***Wednesdays***

The Veterans Crisis Line remains open during the government shutdown. The Veterans Crisis Line offers free, confidential support to Veterans in crisis, as well as their family and friends. If you ever need to reach out for help call: 1-800-273-8255 and PRESS 1. You can also text professional responders at 838255. https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/

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***Fridays***

All VA medical centers and clinics are fully operational and will continue to provide health care services to our nation’s Veterans during the government shutdown. Previously scheduled VA health care appointments are not affected.

The Veterans Crisis Line (1-800-273-8255) and the Health Benefits customer service center (1-877-222-8387) remain open as well so that Veterans can still get support and help when they need it. For the latest information on what is and is not impacted at VA, visit our website. <http://www.va.gov/opa/appropriations_lapse_plan.asp>

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**Vantage Point**

*Post for Shutdown Day:*

As a result of the Federal government shutdown and furloughs resulting from the lapse in appropriations, VA’s digital media team will no longer be posting or replying on any of our social media channels, including this blog, Facebook and Twitter. While you won’t see updates from us, critical information for our Veterans and employees will continue to be posted by the Veterans Health Administration team. You can find them online at [www.va.gov/health/](http://www.va.gov/health/), on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/VeteransHealth) and on [Twitter](http://www.va.gov/health/) (@VeteransHealth). On VA’s main channels, you may continue to see some important scheduled posts; however, our staff is not at work due to shutdown-related furloughs and is not able to reply to those posts. We hope to be back as soon as possible.

Even though the lapse in funding has closed some offices and programs at VA, the majority of VA employees will continue to provide many vital services to our Veterans. Please remember that all VA medical centers and clinics will remain fully operational and will continue to provide health care services to our nation’s Veterans during the government shutdown. Previously scheduled VA health care appointments are not affected.

For the latest information on what is and is not impacted at VA, [visit our website](http://www.va.gov/opa/appropriations_lapse_plan.asp).