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## Update on Government Shutdown and CMS

As explained in our last update, CMS contractors continue to operate while funded. Unfortunately, CMS employees working on Medicare Secondary Payer issues have been furloughed. What this means:

- Any pending MSA determinations at CMS Regional Offices are on hold;
- MSA re-review requests are on hold;
- Social Security benefit verifications are on hold; and
- Requests from third parties for queries are on hold.

More information is available at http://www.ssa.gov/pressoffice/shutdown2013.pdf .