

ALERT!
Notice of 4/6/2011

Possible Government Shutdown Could Impact
The Leadership Summit and the "ESRD STAR training," "Basic Long-Term
Care Course with QIS track," "ESRD Annual Update" "Basic HHA training"
and all Blackboard and Web based Training

Please check this space – current Continuing Resolution expires Friday, April 8 at midnight

Over the next several weeks, CMS and, in particular, the SCG Training Staff are anticipating potential US government shutdown. Thus, with the Congress intensely negotiating potential, sequential Continuing Resolutions (two week temporary funding), we have prepared this message and this special website to provide guidance for conferees, student and instructor travelers coming to CMS/SCG trainings and conferences. Please periodically check this space for updated information before boarding your aircraft.

Remember, federal travelers will receive no reimbursement should there be no funding under the Continuing Resolution, even if you have already left for the training when the funding announcement is made. We are going forward with our training schedule with the assumption that we will be funded, but want to alert all concerned parties of the impact of a possible Government Shutdown and provisions for keeping you advised.

Vulnerable Trainings

April trainings that are vulnerable to disruption include "The Leadership Summit," the "ESRD STAR training," "Basic Long-Term Care Course with QIS track," "ESRD Annual Update" and "Basic HHA training." Class-specific information is contained below.

- The Leadership Summit, scheduled for **Monday, April 11 - April 13, 2011** in **Baltimore, Maryland** is within the time frame for a potential Federal Government shutdown. Should the current CR expire and no funds are made available for April 9 or later travel, then:
 - CMS Federal attendees will be notified by the Training Staff via several means, including this website. If a Federal employee is on official travel when the Federal government is shut down, the employee is required to return home on the next available flight. If the shutdown occurs during a training course, the class will end immediately, and all Federal travelers will have to return home on the next available flight.
 - State Agency attendees will be notified by e-mails to their State Training Coordinators from the LMS, as well as this website. State and Regional Training Coordinators should instruct their *travelers to cancel travel for CMS training events until the shutdown is over and further instructions provided.*
 - Please inform any guests/guest speakers to cancel all travel and lodging agreements.
 - The Leadership Summit will be rescheduled for a later date, in the event of a cancellation. Place and date will be announced after Congressional funding action is completed. If the Federal Government is shut down at 12:01 AM EST on Saturday 9 April then the Leadership Conference is canceled regardless if a bill is passed later on 9 April 2011 Saturday or 10 April 2011.

- If the government shuts down, all web based training and Blackboard training are canceled until a notice that these services are again available.
- If the Federal Government is still shutdown on Friday 15 April at 12 PM EST then the following are canceled:
 - Basic Long-Term Care Course with QIS track, scheduled for **Monday, April 18 - April 22** in **Nashville, Tennessee**
 - ESRD STAR training, scheduled for **Monday, April 18 - April 21** in **Longmont, Colorado**
- If the Federal Government is still shutdown on Friday 22 April at 12 PM EST then the following are canceled:
 - ESRD Annual Update, scheduled for **Monday, April 26 - April 29** in **Las Vegas, Nevada**, is in the following week and vulnerable to travel issues.
 - Basic HHA training, scheduled for **Monday, April 26 - April 29** in **Baltimore, Maryland**, is in the same week and vulnerable to travel issues.
- If the Federal Government is still shutdown beyond Friday 29 April then cancel all preceding training and wait formal directions from the Director of the Training Staff.
- After the shutdown is over special instructions related to future trainings will be provided in separate communications and on this website. For more information after the shutdown is over, State Training Coordinators and Regional Training Administrators should contact the CMS Central Office Training Coordinator assigned to the class or conference in question. Again, please check this website prior to boarding aircraft.