

**THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW  
ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN  
Housing Choice Voucher Participants**

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- If the shutdown continues into **March 2019, no housing assistance payment** will be made to landlords until HUD restarts payments for the HCV Program.
- You may **contact your congressmen**: Senator Cornyn, Senator Cruz, or Representative Olson to express the impact of this shutdown on your housing situation.
- As a participant of the HCV program, you must still [abide by the terms of your lease and by your family obligations](#) to the Rosenberg Housing Authority (RHA), to name a few...
  - Report changes to household and income in 60 days
  - Pay your portion of rent as highlighted on your certification
  - No violations of the lease
  - Do not move out of the unit without written notice
  - No additional assistance can be accepted for your unit's housing authority portion of rent
- Your protections under the HAP contract
  - You are **not responsible for RHA payment** to the landlord. Only pay your portion.
  - If the RHA is unable to pay our portion of rent, it is **not a violation of your lease** and [no late fees](#) can be charged on the housing authority's portion.
  - You cannot be evicted for the RHA not paying our portion of rent.
- Be **respectful and courteous** to your landlord and RHA staff. This situation is beyond the control of either party.
- All voucher issuance has ended and **no new move-ins** will be started after March 1, 2019 until HUD restarts housing assistance payments.
- If you're scheduled to move and **the landlord has already rented out your unit**, you will need to [find a place to stay](#) until the RHA can move you into a new unit once HUD payments resume.