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## White House Memo Orders Temporary Pause on Federal Grants, Loans and Other Financial Assistance Programs Implicated by Executive Orders

*New OMB document says Medicare and Medicaid **not** affected by the pause*

The White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) late last night issued a [memo](#) directing federal agencies to temporarily pause federal grants, loans and other financial assistance programs implicated by President Trump's recent executive orders.

“Federal agencies must temporarily pause all activities related to obligation or disbursement of all Federal financial assistance, and other relevant agency activities that may be implicated by the executive orders, including, but not limited to, financial assistance for foreign aid, nongovernmental organizations, DEI, woke gender ideology, and the green new deal,” according to the memo. The temporary pause is effective Jan. 28 at 5 p.m. ET.

The pause will not affect Social Security or Medicare benefits, nor does it include “assistance provided directly to individuals,” according to the memo. **Importantly, in a [guidance document released today by OMB](#), the agency said that mandatory programs like Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program “will continue without pause.”**

The memo calls on agencies to submit to OMB “detailed information on any programs, projects or activities subject to this pause” by Feb. 10.

The AHA is reviewing the documents and additional information that is shared in the announcement. We will share more information with hospitals and health systems.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON EXECUTIVE ACTIONS

The Trump administration has issued an unprecedented series of executive orders and administrative actions that reinforce their administration priorities. Earlier today, the AHA released a [tracker of the actions](#) that may be of interest to hospitals and health systems.

### FURTHER QUESTIONS

If you have further questions, please contact the AHA at 800-424-4301.