

For: State and County Offices

Disabling Processing Because of Sequestering Program Payments

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1 Overview

A Background

The Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Contract Act of 1985, as amended by the Budget Control Act of 2011, requires a reduction, also known as a sequester, in certain payments. As a result, applicable program payments will be sequestered starting October 1, 2013.

B Purpose

This notice advises State and County Offices that:

- sequestration will apply to applicable program payments starting October 1, 2013
- the sequestration percentage will be announced at a later date
- software modifications are required to provide for the sequestration of payments, but will not be available by October 1, 2013
- program processing and payment processing for applicable programs will be temporarily disabled as of October 1, 2013, until modified payment software is available.

Disposal Date	Distribution
March 1, 2014 9-30-13	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Temporarily Disabling Program and Payment Processing

A Program and Payment Processing

Sequestering applicable program payments starts October 1, 2013; however, modified software to sequester payments will not be available until after October 1, 2013. To prevent payments from being processed without applying sequestration, applicable program and payment processing will be temporarily disabled.

The following programs and years will be temporarily disabled as of October 1, 2013, according to this table.

Program	How Program Will Be Disabled as of October 1, 2013
DCP/ACRE Direct	COC approval date cannot be entered for DCP/ACRE contracts. Note: See Notice DCP-269 about payment processing.
ELAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Payment information cannot be entered in the ELAP payment process.• Payment processing will be disabled.
LA	Payment processing will be disabled.
LFP	Payment processing will be disabled.
LIP	Payment processing will be disabled.
NAP	Payment processing will be disabled.
SURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Payment information cannot be entered in the SURE payment process.• Payment processing will be disabled.
TAP	COC approval date entry on the COC Action/Determination Screen will be disabled.
TTPP	Payment processing will be disabled.
Commodity Loans	See forthcoming LP and PS notices for additional shutdown information for commodity loan and LDP processing software.

3 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that County Offices are immediately informed of the contents of this notice.

B County Office Action

County Offices are advised that as of October 1, 2013, the programs provided for in the table in subparagraph 2 A will have program and/or payment processing temporarily disabled until payment software for those programs are modified to apply sequestration.