

FAQ's about Lapse in Appropriations

Will Coast Guard members get paid for 12/15-12/21? No, the entire end of month December payment will be held until we have an appropriation, continuing resolution (CR), or passage of an alternative measure.

When will Coast Guard members get paid? Salaries earned during and after the lapse in appropriations will be paid to military members once funding authority is restored, payroll for December 31 will be processed within 3-5 days.

Will retirees get paid? Retirees will get paid 31 December. However if this lapse in appropriations continues into February, they may not get paid their future installments. VA payments should not be affected by this lapse in appropriations.

Will I get paid for travel performed after 12/21? TDY travel that is performed after the shutdown will not be able to be reimbursed until after funding authority is restored.

Will I get paid for travel performed before 12/21 and claim submitted on 12/21? Fincen is not processing travel claims; therefore reimbursement will not be available until after funding authority is restored.

What should I tell my creditors? It is your responsibility to take all steps necessary to ensure you meet your civil obligations (insurance, rent/mortgage, child-care, child support, etc) at all times regardless of the government's ability to process payroll. CG-1 has provided a letter, however, that you can send to your creditors **that could help** explain your debt situation and **could aid** with encouraging your creditors to apply relief. Please remember that your creditors are under no obligation to provide relief.

When will Direct Access be back online to check my allotments? DA will return to full capabilities on 1/1/2019.

On ALCOAST 426/18 under military members I see that "Monthly allotments will be deducted as scheduled", please explain? Allotments (from member's PAY Slips (LES)) would be deducted once payroll is processed pending funding authority restoration.

For example: If you set up an allotment to pay your mortgage through your Coast Guard Pay, no funding will be transferred. Thus if you pay it during this lapse in **appropriations you would end up paying it twice**. In order to avoid duplicate payments, ensure you contact your financial institution or other entities that you have financial obligations with to discuss options.

Any allotments that you have set up with your bank (not through Direct Access) are your responsibility. The Coast Guard has no visibility on what you pay "automatically".

For example, many members set up automatic payments for things like their investments, utilities, escrow accounts, etc using the automatic payment options that their banks provide. It is recommended that you review these automatic payments and adjust them accordingly.

NOTE: If not done, you may incur insufficient funds notices and penalties from your bank.

Common Allotments and Recommended Action*		
Mortgage/Rent/Escrow Accounts		Member Action Needed. Contact your lender to make arrangements.
SGLI	No Member Action Needed	
Tricare Dental	No Member Action Needed	
Taxes	No Member Action Needed	
Garnishments		Member Action Needed
Alimony/Child Support		Member Action Needed
Utilities		Member Action Needed. Contact your utility provider for options.
Investments		Member Action Needed. Contact your brokerage for options.

*This list is not inclusive. If there are allotments that you have set up that are not listed, it is likely that they will not be paid. **A rule of thumb: No Pay = No allotments paid out = possible late fees/penalties if not addressed.**

What about SGLI, Tricare? Are my medical benefits and insurance premiums not current? Your benefits are still current. They will be paid once payroll is processed pending funding authority restoration. Both you and your dependents will be able to continue to see your primary medical provider.

Is CG SUPRT available during a lapse in appropriations? Per ALCOAST 426/18, Our Employee Assistance Program, CG SUPRT (1-855-CGSUPRT), and Work-Life resources and referral services, will be available during the lapse in appropriations. All personnel are encouraged to take advantage of these services, which include assistance with financial matters and counseling. More information about CGSUPRT and Work-Life Programs may be found at <http://www.cgsuprt.com/> and <https://www.uscg.mil/worklife/>.

Will Coast Guard Child Development Centers (CDCs) remain open? Yes, CDC's will remain open.

What if I live in Coast Guard/DOD housing (I don't receive my BAH)? Your BAH will be transferred when payroll is processed pending funding authority restoration.

What if I live in Privatized Govt Housing (i.e., PPV)? CG-1 is working with DoD to notify all privatized government housing locations that the BAH allotments for Coast Guard members will not be available until funding authority is restored. Please reach out to your local PPV manager to discuss options.

Reserve Questions? Specific guidance for reservists can be found in paragraph 4.J of ALCOAST 425-18. Please contact your local RFRS or District (DXR) staff for guidance/clarification.

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Available to help? Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) is available during the lapse in appropriations but there are limits to what they can provide. Please reference ALCOAST 434/18 for further details.

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