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The White House Office of Management and Budget sent a memo late Wednesday telling federal agencies to prepare plans for mass firings during a possible government shutdown.

CMS also [opened applications](#) for the \$50 billion rural healthcare fund included in H.R. 1.

States will have through **November 5, 2025**, to apply for funding for specific rural health challenges and possible solutions from the [Rural Health Transformation Program](#). Beginning October 1, \$10 billion will be available for distribution each year for five years

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