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## THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS OFFERS 30-DAY DEFERRAL OF PAYMENTS FOR FEDERAL WORKERS AFFECTED BY GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

HONOLULU - The Queen's Health Systems will offer a 30-day deferral of out-of-pocket payments for federal workers affected by the partial government shutdown.

The deferral will take place effective today.

Patients will have to verify that they are employed by the Federal Government.

The deferral will be effective at The Queen's Medical Center - Punchbowl, The Queen's Medical Center - West Oʻahu, Molokai General Hospital and North Hawaii Community Hospital.

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The Queen's Health Systems (QHS) is a non-profit corporation established in 1985 to provide expanded health care capabilities to the people of Hawaii and the Pacific Basin. It is Hawaii's oldest and preeminent family of health care-related companies, and has more than 7,000 employees and more than 1,700 physicians on its Medical Staff. QHS consists of The Queen's Medical Center, The Queen's Medical Center – West O'ahu, The Queen's Health Care Centers, Queen Emma Land Company, Queen's Development Corporation, Queen's Insurance Exchange, Inc., Molokai General Hospital and North Hawaii Community Hospital, and has ownership interests in CareResource Hawaii, Hamamatsu/Queen's PET Imaging Center, Diagnostic Laboratory Services, Inc. and The Queen's Clinically Integrated Physician Network.