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## FDA Won't Be Significantly Disrupted By a Short Shutdown

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Since user fees fund drug and medical device reviews and approvals, those will continue without significant disruption if the federal government shuts down tonight, and it's unlikely drugmakers and medical device manufacturers will feel much impact from a relatively short shutdown.

If the shutdown drags on, however, problems could arise.

In a note last week, Raymond James healthcare policy analyst Chris Meekins wrote that the FDA cannot collect user fees during a shutdown.