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STATEMENT FROM INTERIM VETERANS SERVICES DIRECTOR JASON
DOMINGUEZ RE: FEDERAL BUDGET SITUATION

The federal budget situation will not have any effect on vital services that Ohio veterans rely on from the state and county offices. Because the federal Veterans Health Administration received an advance appropriation, health services for veterans will continue to operate for the time being.

These services include: inpatient and outpatient care, prescription refills, surgery, mental health care; the Veterans Crisis Line and the processing of compensation and pension claims. The VA will continue to process applications for burial markers and headstones, vocational rehabilitation payments will be made and VA-run nursing homes will remain in operation.

County-based services in Ohio will be completely unaffected by the federal budget situation, as those services are funded locally. Needy veterans will still be able to visit their County Veterans Services offices to apply for financial assistance; process claims and take advantage of all the services available to them. The Ohio Veterans Homes in Sandusky and Georgetown will see no interruption in the services they provide.

To reiterate, the federal closure will not affect the vital services from the state and counties that Ohio's nearly 900,000 veterans have earned.