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### **ASTAC offers extended payment arrangements for federal employees**

ASTAC members who work for the federal government and are affected by the partial shutdown can now set up extended payment arrangements for ASTAC services for the duration of the shutdown.

“Federal agencies like FAA and the Coast Guard deliver services that keep our members safe,” said CEO/General Manager Jens Laipeniaks. “To help alleviate the adverse impact of the shutdown on federal employees and the North Slope economy, ASTAC customers impacted by the shutdown can extend their payment due date to when they receive their first check after the shutdown has concluded.”

Members who wish to set up an extended payment arrangement can visit the Utqiagvik store, Anchorage office or call a customer service representative at 1-800-478-6409. Federal employment status must be verified.

ASTAC provides Broadband Ethernet and Internet, 4G wireless as well as local and long-distance services across the North Slope. Additionally, ASTAC offers a Nomadic WAN and Internet service using the North Slope’s only private LTE network covering the oil fields. For more information, visit [www.astac.net](http://www.astac.net).

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