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General Assistance Emergency Housing Assistance Administrative Procedure 2024/2025

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During times where the number of eligible households exceeds 90% of the 1,100 per night room cap, or 90% of hotel capacity during time periods when the 1,100 per night room cap is not in place, the department will prioritize providing emergency housing assistance to the most vulnerable households.

- A. Vulnerable Populations are households with a member who:
 - a. Is a child 19 years of age or under
 - b. Is pregnant
 - c. Is experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, hate violence, or other dangerous or lifethreating conditions related to violence against the individual that caused the household to lose its housing
 - d. Is 65 years of age or older
 - e. A person who is 50 years of age or older AND eligible under one of these categories:
 - i. Has a disability
 - ii. Has experienced the death of a spouse, domestic partner, or minor child that caused the household to lose its housing
 - iii. Has experienced a natural disaster, such as flood, fire, or hurricane
 - iv. Is under a court-ordered eviction or constructive eviction due to circumstances over which the household has no control
- B. Length of Authorization
 - a. Vulnerable households will be granted in up-to 28-day increments
 - b. All others will be granted in up-to-14-day increments
- C. Applying with ESD
 - a. Vulnerable households can apply for emergency housing anytime and can reapply for housing up to 10 days in advance of the end date of their current authorization.
 - b. All others can apply for emergency housing after noon and can reapply for housing on the day their current authorization ends.

