

## General Assistance Emergency Housing 12/1/2024 to 3/31/2025

In prior years, the Department for Children and Families (DCF) published an annual Adverse Weather Conditions policy outlining relaxed eligibility criteria during the winter months. With the passage of Act 113, eligibility criteria for winter months is outlined in statute.

The following is a summary of the statutory criteria in effect from 12/1/2024 to 3/31/2025 to be eligible for the General Assistance Emergency Housing Program:

- Households must attest to lack of a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence
- Households must not have access to an alternative housing placement
- Households must include a member who:
  - Is 65 years or older;
  - Is disabled;
  - Is a child 19 years or under;
  - Is pregnant;
  - Has experienced the death of a spouse, domestic partner, or minor child that caused the household to lose its housing;
  - Has experienced a natural disaster;
  - Is under court-ordered or constructive eviction; or
  - Has experienced domestic violence or other dangerous conditions or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a household member that caused the household to lose its housing.

The 1,100-room cap is not in effect from 12/1/2024 to 3/31/2024. Numbers may be limited by the number of rooms available to the state through partnering hotels and motels.

Nights used from 12/1/2024 to 3/31/2024 do not count toward the 80 maximum days of eligibility within a 12-month time period.

Economic Services Division will refer households to shelter when shelter space is available in district.

If you or someone you work with has questions regarding the General Assistance Emergency Housing Program, please contact the Economic Services Division at **1-800-775-0506**.

