

Economic Services Division Community Meeting
4/2/2025

1. Executive Order
 - a. On Friday 3/28/25, Governor Scott issued an executive order extending eligibility for GA emergency housing to certain populations of individuals
<https://governor.vermont.gov/sites/scott/files/documents/EO%2003-25%20General%20Assistance%20Emergency%20Housing.pdf>
2. March 2025 Cohort
 - a. The executive order applies to households who were served by the program on Monday, March 31, 2025
3. Eligibility Categories Included in the Executive Order
 - a. Families with custody of a child under 19
 - i. The current definition of families in the GA rules is 19 and under, so this does exclude some households that are currently eligible as families with children who are currently 19 years old.
 - ii. 18-year-olds applying on their own are excluded from this category.
 - b. Pregnant
 - i. Women in the third trimester of pregnancy, or who will enter the third trimester between 4/1/25 and 6/30/25.
 - ii. This does require medical verification from the healthcare provided.
 1. ESD is currently provisionally housing for up to 7 days pending verification.
 2. Verification/provisional housing is only needed when the household has utilized their 80 nights of housing eligibility.



c. Medically vulnerable

- i. Defined as individuals who: are homebound, require a lifesaving device that needs electricity, are undergoing cancer treatment, are receiving treatment for severe heart/liver/kidney disease, or are receiving home-based nursing services.
- ii. ESD current process:
 1. ESD asks clients during the interview if they are medically vulnerable.
 - a. If yes, a self-assessment screening is completed, and the client is provisionally housed for 7 days.
 2. Verification/provisional housing is only needed when the household has utilized their 80 nights of housing eligibility.
- iii. ESD process starting 4/3/25
 1. AHS clinical staff have provided ESD with prior approval for some households based on knowledge of the client.
 - a. Households that have been approved by AHS clinical staff will not need to provide verification.
 - b. Clients where AHS does not have information to complete prior approval will be provided with a form to have completed by the clients physician.
 - i. Once returned, the form will be reviewed by clinical staff to determine if the household will continued to be housed under the medically vulnerable category.
 - ii. ESD does not need forms for every household and clinical staff will only review forms requested by ESD.

