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Hotel and Motel Management Teams,

This is an informational notice to provide you with an update regarding the General Assistance (GA) Emergency Housing program.

The legislature recently passed a bill that establishes the Vermont Homelessness Response Continuum and changes the General Assistance Emergency Housing program. Historically, changes to the Emergency Housing program occurred on July 1st of each year. However, the changes to Emergency Housing created by this bill will not go into effect until September 1st, 2026. The rules currently in effect include:

- **80 Day Limit:** Participants in the Emergency Housing program are limited to 80 nights in a rolling 12-month period. Households that have used more than 80 nights in a rolling 12-month period will not be eligible for Emergency Housing.

It is important to note that this legislation has the potential to change the way that ESD utilizes and interacts with hotels. Please look for future communication about what this will mean for your hotel.

We extend our sincere appreciation for the partnership and support that hotel and motel owners, managers, and staff across Vermont have provided.

If you have any questions, please contact ahs.dcfesdgaaops@vermont.gov.

If you have any questions regarding specific vouchers, please contact AHS.DCFESDHotelCommunication@vermont.gov.

Sincerely,
Economic Services Division
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