



Economic Services Division GA Community Meeting

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H938

Vermont Homelessness Response Continuum

The Office of Economic Opportunity and the Economic Services Division will hold a community meeting in August to review impacts of the bill in more detail.

Two of changes affecting Emergency Housing are:

- A 70-night cap on hotel nights
- A 700-room cap during warm weather months and a 1,000-room cap during cold weather months

These 2 changes will go into effect on 9/1/26

No Program Changes for July 1, 2026

Emergency Housing will continue to operate as is through August 31, 2026

Between July 1, 2026, and August 31, 2026, the Commissioner for Children and Families shall administer the Vermont Homelessness Response Continuum by applying the General Assistance Emergency Housing rules approved by the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules on March 13, 2025, for the administration of this act.

No Program Changes for July 1, 2026

Emergency Housing will continue to operate as is through August 31, 2026

No changes will be made to:

- Eligibility categories
- 80-night cap
- The 1,100 room cap
- The Housing Search Requirement
- Notice of Eligibility

No Program Changes for July 1, 2026

80-Night Cap

Emergency Housing nights are counted on a rolling basis. There is no reset of the 80-day limit. Each day used in the past 12 months counts toward the 80-day limit, regardless of the calendar or fiscal year. The only days of emergency housing assistance that do not count toward the 80-day limit are days during emergency winter housing from December 1 through March 31.

H938 states that eligible households utilizing GA emergency housing “shall not be subject to a rest of the 70-day limit...”

Notice to Clients and Partners

ESD will send communication regarding eligibility between July 1, 2026, and August 31, 2026, once the bill becomes law

Communication will be sent to:

- Clients
 - Email and under doors at hotels
- Partners
- Hotels
- Municipalities/Law Enforcement

Emergency Housing Data

Data Regarding Emergency Housing

Emergency Housing data is available on the DCF website and is updated on a weekly basis.

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Questions?

Please raise your virtual hand, or type your question in the chat

Next Meeting: August 2026

Thank you for joining us!