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Housing Community Providers and Partners,

[A law](#) passed earlier this year requires the General and Emergency Housing Program to cap the hotel/motel usage to 1,100 rooms from September 15, 2024, through November 30, 2024, and between April 1, 2025, and June 30, 2025. There is no law on the number of rooms that can be used from December 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025, however, capacity still depends on availability.

Based on current hotel usage, the number of households eligible for housing assistance will exceed the number of rooms that are available to the program. As a result, the department has created an administrative procedure to help distribute some of the rooms to the most vulnerable households. This procedure will go into effect when 90% of the hotel capacity has been reached. It does not change or modify the current General Assistance Emergency Housing rules. This policy simply establishes the priority with which households will be placed in the remaining 10% of the available hotel/motel rooms. When the administrative procedure is in effect, a notice will be posted on our website to notify the public: <https://dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/crisis-housing>

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