

Dear Healthcare Partners,

The Vermont Department for Children and Families, Economic Services Division (ESD), would like to inform hospitals and emergency departments of an upcoming change to the General Assistance Emergency Housing Program.

The Emergency Winter Housing protections will end on March 31, 2026. Beginning April 1, 2026, the program will return to its standard eligibility rules.

Under these rules:

- Emergency Housing benefits are limited to 80 nights since July 1, 2025.
- The 1,100-room statewide cap on Emergency Housing placements will again apply.

Please note that Emergency Housing nights used between December 1, 2025, and March 31, 2026, do not count toward a household's 80-night maximum.

Beginning April 1, any additional Emergency Housing nights will count toward the 80-night limit. Individuals who have already used 80 nights since July 1, 2025 (not including the winter period listed above) will no longer be eligible for Emergency Housing after March 31.

We are sharing this information so healthcare providers are aware of the policy transition and can direct patients with housing questions to the appropriate resource.

Below is the data from March 17th on the number of all households, adults, and children affected in each district area. Please note that data for groups smaller than 12 is suppressed to protect privacy:

District	Households	Adults	Children
Barre District	22	35	*
Bennington District	35	43	*
Brattleboro District	*	12	*
Burlington District	30	40	*
Hartford District	*	*	*
Middlebury District	*	*	*
Morrisville District	*	*	*
Newport District	*	*	*
Rutland District	27	38	12
Springfield District	*	*	*
St Albans District	*	*	*
St Johnsbury District	*	*	*





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Patients seeking information about Emergency Housing eligibility should contact the Economic Services Division at 1-800-775-0506.

Thank you for the work you do to support Vermonters.

Sincerely,

Economic Services Division

Vermont Department for Children and Families

