

1 Sec. X. TEMPORARY EMERGENCY HOUSING

2 (a) The Commissioner for Children and Families shall ensure that
3 temporary emergency housing is provided through June 30, 2024 to
4 households eligible for the General Assistance Emergency Housing Program,
5 including households eligible under the Adverse Weather Conditions Policy,
6 and beneficiaries of the emergency housing transition benefit that is set to
7 conclude on April 1, 2024 pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 81.

8 (b) Temporary emergency housing required pursuant subsection (a) of this
9 section may be provided through the use of approved shelters, new unit
10 generation, open units, or other appropriate shelter space.

11 (c) On or before the last day of each month from April 2024 through June
12 2024, the Agency of Human Services, or other relevant agency or department,
13 shall continue submitting a substantially similar report to that due pursuant to
14 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 6(b).

15 (d) Beginning on March 1, 2024, the Agency of Human Services shall not
16 reimburse any licensed hotel or motel establishment more than \$75 a day to
17 shelter a household experiencing homelessness and shall strictly enforce the
18 following rules:

19 (1) Section 2650.1 of the Department for Children and Families,
20 General Assistance (CVR 13-170-260);

21 (2) Department of Health, Licensed Lodging Establishment Rule (CVR
22 13-140-023);

1 (3) Department of Public Safety, Vermont Fire and Building Safety
2 Code (CVR 28-070-001).

3 (e)(1) Prior to June 1, 2024, the Agency of Human Services may provide a
4 hotel or motel operator with an incentive payment to work with the Agency of
5 Human Services and either a shelter provider or a community housing agency
6 to enter into a full facility lease or sales agreement. Any facility conversion
7 under this section shall comply with the Office of Economic Opportunity's
8 shelter standards.

9 (2) If the Agency determines that a contractual arrangement with a
10 licensed hotel or motel operator to secure temporary emergency housing
11 capacity is beneficial to improve the quality, cleanliness, and access to services
12 for those households temporarily housed in the facility, the Agency shall be
13 authorized to enter into such an agreement; provided, however, that in no event
14 shall such an agreement or the negotiations for such an agreement cause a
15 household to become unhoused.

16 (3) In no event shall an agreement under this subsection exceed a rate of
17 \$75 per day per household.