

Sec. 2. ASSESSMENT; GROWTH AND EVALUATION OF RECOVERY RESIDENCES

- (a) The Department of Health shall complete an assessment of recovery residences in the State, to the extent funds are made available for this purpose. In conducting the assessment, it may obtain technical assistance for the purposes of:
- (1) creating a comprehensive inventory of all recovery residences in Vermont, including assessments of proximity to employment, recovery, and other community resources;
 - (2) assessing the current capacity, knowledge, and ability of recovery residences to inform data collection and improve outcomes for residents;
 - (3) assessing recovery residences' potential for future data collection capacity;
 - (4) assessing the types of data systems currently in use in Vermont's recovery residences and defining the minimum core components of a data system;
 - (5) assisting to develop a framework of critical components and measurable outcomes for recovery residences and other recovery communities;
 - (6) assisting with capacity building and sustaining alternative payment models for recovery residences; and
 - (7) building sustainable funding with a focus on developing fee structures.
- (b) (b) On or before October 15, 2024, the Department shall submit an interim status report on the progress of the assessment, and a final report on October 15, 2025 detailing the results of the assessment required pursuant to this section and any recommendations for legislative action to the House Committee on Human Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.