



STATE OF VERMONT

Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR)

MEMO TO: Heidi Moreau, Agency of Human Services, Department for Children and Families

FROM: Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules

DATE: April 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Response to Department for Children and Families' memo dated March 26, 2026, regarding 24-P042 General Assistance Emergency Housing Assistance Rules

On February 27, 2026, the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules sent the Department for Children and Families (DCF) a memo requesting that DCF appear for a public hearing on 24-P042 General Assistance Emergency Housing Assistance Rules. The hearing was scheduled for March 26, 2026. DCF did not appear at that hearing. Shortly after the hearing, DCF submitted a memo responding to questions the Committee had regarding Rule 24-P042. The Committee rescheduled a hearing for Rule 24-P042 for April 2, 2026. Leah Burdick of Vermont Legal Aid testified on the rule. DCF again did not appear at the hearing.

The Committee considered DCF's March 26 memo. The Committee requests further testimony regarding Rule 24-P042 on the following issues:

1. On March 31, 2026, Vermont Legal Aid submitted a written response to DCF's March 26 memo. The Committee asks that DCF respond to Vermont Legal Aid's arguments. In particular, the Committee would like DCF to testify on DCF's decision to not adopt Rule 24-P042 even though DCF assured the Committee that it would do so. The Committee is also interested in DCF's response to Vermont Legal Aid's argument that Act 27 does not justify DCF's decision to not adopt Rule 24-P042.
2. The Committee would like additional analysis from DCF regarding the administrative cost of adopting Rule 24-P042 and how that cost justifies DCF's decision to not adopt the rule.
3. The Committee would like further analysis on the status of the existing rules for the General Assistance Emergency Housing Program. In particular, the Committee would like testimony regarding whether DCF believes previously adopted rules are either still effective or will be effective once the current rules are no longer authorized.
4. The Committee would like further analysis on DCF's plan for future rulemaking regarding the General Assistance Emergency Housing Program. In particular, the Committee would like testimony regarding DCF's plans for this Program under current law and if H.938 were to become law.

The Committee will appreciate a fuller response from DCF regarding these important issues that touch on administrative rulemaking and the delivery of services to Vermonters. The hearing is

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scheduled for Thursday, April 30 at 8:00 a.m. If you have questions regarding this request, you may contact Bradley Showman, Office of Legislative Counsel, at bradley.showman@vtleg.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Trevor Squirrell".

Rep. Trevor Squirrell
Chair, Legislative Committee on
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