

Act 143: An act relating to establishing the Vermont Homelessness Response Continuum

DELIVERABLES TIMELINE

Monthly, on the last day of each month

- 33 V.S.A. § 2217(c): OEO (or other relevant department or agency) must publish a report similar to that required by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 6(b), including OEO's monthly expenditure on the Continuum by level

Annually, as part of DCF's budget presentation

- 33 V.S.A. § 2217(a): Status report addressing each level of the Continuum, including:
 - number of households served within each level of the Continuum
 - average length of participation for households within each level
 - number of households diverted from entering shelters or hotel and motel placements
 - utilization and denial of hotels and motels
 - assessment of regional capacity and access to services
 - expenditures by Continuum level
 - operational barriers to implementation
- 33 V.S.A. § 2217(b):
 - set goals for increased housing capacity
 - provide data pertaining to the increased shelter capacity and the extent to which shelter capacity meets the needs of eligible households

Sept. 1, 2026

- Sec. 8(a)(1): Emergency rules take effect

Oct. 1, 2026

- Sec. 14(d): Requires OEO to submit a report to HHS/SHW and H/S Appropriations describing how appropriated funds have been utilized to date, including whether expended funds were one-time or base GF, federal funds, or GC funds

Jan. 1, 2027

- Sec. 14(d): Requires OEO to submit a report to HHS/SHW and H/S Appropriations describing how appropriated funds have been utilized to date, including whether expended funds were one-time or base GF, federal funds, or GC funds

Jan. 15, 2027

- Sec. 11(b)(2): Requires AHS and VSHA to report to HHS/SHW regarding findings and recommendations for a unified housing voucher program

Feb. 15, 2027

- Sec. 9: Requires OEO to present a progress report to HHS/SHW on Continuum implementation

April 1, 2027

- Sec. 8(b)(2)(B): Requires DCF to submit a draft of permanent rules to HHS/SHW for review and consideration of Committee comments
- Sec. 12(1): Requires DCF to submit an interim report to HHS/SHW regarding implementation of the payment rate structure and DCF's proposed timeline
- Sec. 14(d): Requires OEO to submit a report to HHS/SHW and H/S Appropriations describing how appropriated funds have been utilized to date, including whether expended funds were one-time or base GF, federal funds, or GC funds

Oct. 1, 2027

- Sec. 8(b)(1): Adoption of permanent rules

Nov. 1, 2027

- Sec. 12(2): Requires DCF to submit final report to JFC regarding implementation of the payment rate structure and DCF's proposed timeline

Jan. 1, 2028

- Sec. 6(b): Requires OEO to submit a report to HHS/SHW summarizing efforts to establish a single continuum of care

Oct. 1, 2028

- Sec. 6(a): Requires OEO to work in collaboration with the Chittenden County Homeless Alliance, the Balance of State Continuum of Care, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to establish a single continuum of care in the State