

## PROPOSED STATE RULES

By law, public notice of proposed rules must be given by publication in newspapers of record. The purpose of these notices is to give the public a chance to respond to the proposals. The public notices for administrative rules are now also available online at <https://secure.vermont.gov/SOS/rules/> . The law requires an agency to hold a public hearing on a proposed rule, if requested to do so in writing by 25 persons or an association having at least 25 members.

To make special arrangements for individuals with disabilities or special needs please call or write the contact person listed below as soon as possible.

To obtain further information concerning any scheduled hearing(s), obtain copies of proposed rule(s) or submit comments regarding proposed rule(s), please call or write the contact person listed below. You may also submit comments in writing to the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules, State House, Montpelier, Vermont 05602 (802-828-2231)

General Assistance Emergency Housing Assistance Emergency Rules.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 24-E06

**AGENCY:** Agency of Human Services

**CONCISE SUMMARY:** This emergency rule contains five amendments to the General Assistance program rules: (1) language regarding notices to terminate tenancy was added to the definition of constructive eviction in rule 2622; (2) language was added to rule 2650 authorizing DCF to withhold payments to hotels/motels in violation of lodging licensing rules; (3) the catastrophic and vulnerable populations eligibility categories in rules 2652.2 and 2652.3 have been replaced with the new eligibility criteria set forth in sec. E.321 of Act 113 of 2024; (4) the rule updates the basic needs standard chart in rule 2652.4 to align with the current Reach Up basic needs dollar amounts; and (5) the methodology for calculating the 30% income contribution in rule 2652.4 was changed from using the least expensive daily motel rate to either the current daily rate at the motel in which the temporary housing applicant is staying or if the applicant is not currently housed in a motel, the average daily rate.

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Judicial Nominating Board Rules.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 24P024

**AGENCY:** Judicial Nominating Board

**CONCISE SUMMARY:** The rules govern standards for screening judicial candidates. These amendments: update conflict of interest standards to conform to new legislation; reduce duplicative interviews; emphasize the importance of writing for Supreme Court candidates; and minor miscellaneous edits to conform to statute and practice.

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**NOTE:** The two rules below have been promulgated by the Agency of Human Services who has requested the notices be combined to facilitate a savings for the agency. When contacting the agency about these rules please note the title and rule number of the proposed rule(s) you are interested in.

- Ambulance Services (4.226)

Vermont Proposed Rule: 24P025

- Beneficiary Protections and Responsibilities (8.101)

Vermont Proposed Rule: 24P026

**AGENCY:** Agency of Human Services

**CONCISE SUMMARY:** The proposed rules set forth the criteria for coverage and service delivery for Health Care Administrative Rules (HCAR). The amendment to HCAR 8.101 replaces Medicaid covered services rule 7101 as part of the sequential adoption of Health Care Administrative Rules designed to improve public accessibility and comprehension of the rules concerning the operation of Vermont's Medicaid program. It also amends Health Care Administrative Rule 4.226 to align with current practice.

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