

PROPOSED STATE RULES

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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).

Vermont Homelessness Response Continuum Emergency Rule.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 26-E03

AGENCY: Agency of Human Services

CONCISE SUMMARY: The emergency rule implements the new Vermont Homelessness Response Continuum program (the Program) established by Act 143 (2026), an act relating to establishing the Vermont Homelessness Response Continuum. The Program replaces Vermont's current homelessness response system with a continuum of supports and services for households who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness. The Program delivers services through a tiered system based on the household's level of need: (1) Level 1 - prevention and diversion; (2) Level 2 -shelter services; (3) Level 3 - specialized shelter services; (4) Level 4 - hotels and motels. The Program also incorporates permanent supportive housing services and other emergency housing services, such as extreme cold weather shelters and municipal supports, into the continuum of services offered under the Program. The Program requires individualized housing plans and case management for all emergency housing placements.

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