

AT LEAST ONE CRISIS SHELTER HOME SHALL BE LOCATED IN A MAJOR POPULATION CENTER OF THE STATE TO FACILITATE THE USE OF THE SHELTER BY CLIENTS LIVING IN THE REGION SURROUNDING THE SHELTER.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 88A, § 126(a) and (b).

Subsection (a) of this section is restated in standard language for clarity and consistency with similar provisions elsewhere in this article.

In subsection (b) of this section, the reference to the "Program" is substituted for the former reference to the "crisis shelter homes" for clarity and consistency with similar provisions elsewhere in this article.

Defined terms: "Client" § 6-430

"Department" § 6-101

"Program" § 6-430

6-433. LIMITATIONS ON SHELTER HOME USE.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE MAY NOT USE A SHELTER HOME AS PART OF ITS DISCHARGE SERVICE PLAN.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 88A, § 126(g).

The only changes are in style.

6-434. POWERS AND DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT; DUTIES OF SHELTER HOMES.

(A) DUTIES OF SHELTER HOMES.

A SHELTER HOME:

(1) SHALL PROVIDE CLIENTS WITH A TEMPORARY RESIDENCE OF NOT MORE THAN 12 CONTINUOUS WEEKS AND NECESSARY COUNSELING TO LINK CLIENTS TO APPROPRIATE COMMUNITY SERVICES TO STABILIZE THE CLIENTS' LIVING CONDITIONS;

(2) SHALL ACCEPT, FROM THE POLICE AND OTHER REFERRAL SOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY, CLIENTS FOR TEMPORARY SHELTER;

(3) SHALL CONFORM TO APPLICABLE STATE AND LOCAL FIRE CODES, HEALTH CODES, AND ZONING ORDINANCES; AND

(4) IS SUBJECT TO THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) ESTABLISH STANDARDS OF CARE AND ADMISSION POLICIES FOR SHELTER HOMES;

(2) MONITOR THE OPERATION OF THE SHELTER HOMES; AND