

(3) AS A RESULT, THERE IS A LACK OF QUALITY EMERGENCY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS.

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(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) (1) "HOMELESS INDIVIDUAL" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS:

(I) IS IN NEED OF HOUSING OR EMERGENCY SHELTER AND PROPER NUTRITION;

(II) ~~NOT-IMMEDIATELY--ELIGIBLE--FOR~~ CANNOT BE PLACED IMMEDIATELY IN OTHER AVAILABLE HOUSING AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS; AND

(III) IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE AT THE TIME THE APPLICATION FOR HOUSING IS MADE.

(2) "HOMELESS INDIVIDUAL" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN INDIVIDUAL SEEKING SHELTER AS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE'S DISCHARGE SERVICE PLAN.

(3) "NUTRITION PROGRAM" MEANS AN ON-SITE EMERGENCY FEEDING SERVICE.

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~~{A}-{1}--THERE--IS--A--SHELTER--AND--NUTRITION--PROGRAM--FOR HOMELESS--INDIVIDUALS--ADMINISTERED--BY--THE--DEPARTMENT-OF-HUMAN RESOURCES-~~

(A) (1) THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES IS AUTHORIZED TO ESTABLISH A SHELTER AND NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS.

(2) THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY SHELTER AND PROPER NUTRITION TO HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS FOR NOT MORE THAN 8 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS, SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM OF 3 ONE-WEEK EXTENSIONS.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES SHALL:

(1) ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO ADMINISTER THIS PROGRAM;

(2) MONITOR THE OPERATION OF THIS PROGRAM;

(3) CONTRACT WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO OPERATE THIS PROGRAM;