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10 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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14 To amend, on an emergency basis, the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005 to grant the
15 Director of the Department of Human Services the authority to exercise emergency
16 powers regarding Continuum of Care services during the existence of a public emergency
17 declared by the Mayor pursuant to the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of
18 1980.

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
21 act may be cited as the “Department of Human Services Emergency Powers Emergency
22 Amendment Act of 2022”.

23 Sec. 2. The Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005, effective October 22, 2005
24 (D.C. Law 16-35; D.C. Official Code § 4-751.01 et seq.), is amended as follows:

25 (a) Section 8(c-1) (D.C. Official Code § 4-753.02(c-1)) is amended as follows:

26 (1) Paragraph (1) is amended by striking the phrase “not to exceed 3 days” and
27 inserting the phrase “not to exceed 3 days; except, that during a public emergency declared
28 pursuant to section 5 of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October
29 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304), the Mayor may place the family in an
30 interim eligibility placement for a period not to exceed 60 days” in its place.

31 (2) Paragraph (2) is amended by striking the phrase “and section 9(a)(20)” and
32 inserting the phrase “and section 9(a)(20); except, that the Mayor may extend an interim eligibility

33 placement to coincide with the period of a public emergency declared pursuant to section 5 of the
34 District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194;
35 D.C. Official Code § 7-2304)” in its place.

36 (3) Paragraph (3) is amended by striking the phrase “within 12 days of the start of
37 the interim eligibility placement” and inserting the phrase “within 12 days of the start of the interim
38 eligibility placement; except, that during a public emergency declared pursuant to section 5 of the
39 District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194;
40 D.C. Official Code § 7-2304), the Mayor shall have 10 business days following the end of the
41 public emergency to issue the eligibility determination required by this paragraph” in its place.

42 (4) Paragraph (4) is amended by striking the phrase “start of an interim eligibility
43 placement,” and inserting the phrase “start of an interim eligibility placement, or as otherwise
44 required by paragraph (3) of this subsection” in its place.

45 (b) Section 9(a)(14) (D.C. Official Code § 4-754.11(a)(14)) is amended by striking the
46 phrase “and other professionals” and inserting the phrase “and other professionals; except, that the
47 Mayor may waive the requirements of this provision for in-person meetings and communications
48 during a public emergency declared pursuant to section 5 of the District of Columbia Public
49 Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-
50 2304)” in its place.

51 (c) Section 10(1) (D.C. Official Code § 4-754.12(1)) is amended by striking the phrase
52 “established pursuant to section 18” and inserting the phrase “established pursuant to section 18;
53 except, that the Mayor may waive this provision during a public emergency declared pursuant to
54 section 5 of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002
55 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304)” in its place.

56 (d) Section 19(c-2) (D.C. Official Code § 4-754.33(c-2)) is amended by striking the phrase
57 “served on the client.” and inserting the phrase “served on the client; except, that during a public
58 emergency declared pursuant to section 5 of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of
59 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304), the Mayor may
60 serve written notice via electronic transmission.” in its place.

61 (e) Section 24(f) (D.C. Official Code § 4-754.38(f)) is amended as follows:

62 (1) Paragraph (1) is amended as follows:

63 (A) Subparagraph (A) is amended by striking the phrase “to the unit; or” and
64 inserting the phrase “to the unit;” in its place.

65 (B) Subparagraph (B) is amended by striking the phrase “at the location” and
66 inserting the phrase “at the location; or” in its place.

67 (C) A new subparagraph (C) is added to read as follows:

68 “(C) During a period of time for which a public emergency has been
69 declared pursuant to section 5 of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective
70 October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304), to prevent or mitigate the
71 spread of contagious disease, as determined by the Department or provider.”.

72 (2) Paragraph (2) is amended by striking the phrase “to paragraph (1)(B)” and
73 inserting the phrase “to paragraph (1)(B) or (C)” in its place.

74 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

75 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Chief Financial Officer as the fiscal
76 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
77 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

78 Sec. 4. Effective date.

79 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of a veto by
80 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer
81 than 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in
82 section 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87
83 Stat. 788; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).