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10 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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14 To amend, on a temporary 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 Temporary  
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 inserting the  
32 phrase “and section 9(a)(20); except, that the Mayor may extend an interim eligibility placement to

33 coincide with the period of a public emergency declared pursuant to section 5 of the District of  
34 Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C.  
35 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  
38 interim eligibility placement; except, that during a public emergency declared pursuant to section 5  
39 of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law  
40 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304), the Mayor shall have 10 business days following the end of  
41 the 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  
57 phrase “served on the client.” and inserting the phrase “served on the client; except, that  
58 during a public emergency declared pursuant to section 5 of the District of Columbia Public  
59 Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-  
60 2304), the Mayor may 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           (a) 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), a 30-day period of Congressional review  
81 as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
82 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
83 Columbia Register.

84           (b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.