§17-833-1 Goals. Emergency shelter care services shall be directed at meeting the following goals:

(1) Preventing or remedying neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children or to preserve, rehabilitate, or reunite families; and

(2) Achieving or maintaining self-sufficiency, including the reduction or prevention of dependency. [Eff 7/19/82; am and comp 11/16/91] (Auth: HRS §346-14) (Imp: HRS §346-14)

§17-833-2 Definitions. For the purpose of this chapter:

"Emergency shelter home" means a licensed family shelter.
home or group care facility where temporary care, apart
from parents or caretakers is provided abused,
neglected, or other dependent children in need of
emergency care and protection on a twenty-four hour
emergency basis until more suitable plans are made for
the children.
"Foster care services" means planned substitute
care arrangements in licensed family homes or group
care facilities for children whose parents are unable
to provide care needed for the children’s welfare and
protection.
"Purchase of service (POS) provider" means an
agency or organization which offers social services on
behalf of the department under the terms of a valid
written contract. [Eff 7/19/82; am and comp 11/16/91]
(Auth: §346-14) (Imp: HRS §346-14)

§17-833-3 Eligibility requirements. (a) In
order to be eligible for emergency shelter care
services, the child shall be determined by the
department or its representative to be in need of
immediate shelter and substitute parenting care due to
the following conditions:
(1) The child is without adequate care and
supervision in the home due to parental
absence, parental incapacity, or family
crisis; or
(2) The child displays serious adjustment
problems which cannot be handled well enough
by the parents or caretakers and the social
worker determines that immediate placement
away from the home is in the child’s best
interest; or
(3) The child is in danger of abuse, neglect,
or
exploitation by the parents or caretakers, or
is a runaway; and
(4) In addition to §17-833-3(a) (1), (2), (3)
above, other suitable temporary care cannot
be arranged immediately.
(b) In addition, as a requirement for admission
into an emergency shelter home or facility, the child
shall have a physical examination by a licensed
physician within forty-eight hours prior to placement
or, in emergency situations, within twenty-four hours
after placement which shall indicate the absence of any
communicable condition. [Eff 7/19/82; am and comp
§17-833-4 Geographic area of service. Emergency shelter care to children shall be available on the following islands:
(1) Hawaii;
(2) Kauai;
(3) Maui;
(4) Oahu; and
(5) Molokai. [Eff 7/19/82; am and comp 11/16/91] (Auth: HRS §346-14) (Imp: HRS §346-14)

§17-833-5 Scope of service. (a) Basic care and supervision of eligible children shall be provided by the emergency shelter home or facility. Care shall include provisions for meeting the child's basic needs, including shelter and food.
(b) Emergency shelter care shall be allowed up to a maximum of thirty (30) days as a protective service to children when provided in licensed emergency shelter family homes, group homes, and child-caring institutions.
(c) Placement beyond thirty (30) days requires the approval of the Branch Administrator. [Eff 7/19/82; am and comp 11/16/91] (Auth: HRS 346-14) (Imp: HRS §346-14)

§17-833-6 Authorization for service. (a) The department or its representative shall authorize emergency shelter care services in licensed emergency shelter homes when the child and family meet the eligibility requirements specified in §17-833-3 and a suitable home or facility is available.
(b) The department shall make payments directly to the authorized emergency shelter home or facility.
(1) Licensed emergency shelter homes and facilities shall be paid a per diem rate in accordance with the established rate specified in chapter 17-828; and
(2) Licensed group facilities under the purchase of service (POS) contract shall be reimbursed at the contracted rate for services provided.
(c) Payment shall be made monthly after the end of each month of service and upon receipt of a bill from the provider. [Eff 7/19/82; am 9/30/85; am and comp 11/16/91] (Auth: HRS §346-14) (Imp: HRS §346-14)
§17-833-7  Termination of service. Emergency shelter care services shall be terminated when:
(1) The child returns to the family;
(2) The child is placed with relatives or friends;
(3) The child is placed in another child care facility such as a foster family home, group home, or a residential treatment facility;
(4) The child leaves the emergency shelter home for any unauthorized absence; or
(5) The child has been in emergency shelter care for thirty (30) days and an extension has not been authorized.  [Eff 7/19/82; am and comp 11/16/91] (Auth: HRS §346-14) (Imp: HRS §346-14)