§ 131-u. Domestic violence services. 1. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, a social services district shall, in accordance with the provisions of this section and regulations of the department, offer and provide emergency shelter and services at a residential program for victims of domestic violence, as defined in article six-A of this chapter, to the extent that such shelter and services are necessary and available to a victim of domestic violence, as defined in article six-A of this chapter, and in need of emergency shelter and services, who was residing in the social services district at the time of the alleged domestic violence.

2. The department shall annually establish, subject to the approval of the director of the budget, a daily rate of reimbursement for each residential program for victims of domestic violence, as defined in article six-A of this chapter, certified by the department which provides emergency shelter and services to persons eligible for such emergency shelter and services pursuant to this section. A social services district financially responsible for a victim of domestic violence shall reimburse a residential program for victims of domestic violence for the costs of emergency shelter and services provided to such victim at the daily reimbursement rate established by the department reduced by any other reimbursement available for such costs.