



MEDICAL NEEDS SHELTERS

Purpose:	The purpose of the Medical Needs Shelter is to provide safe and temporary housing to individuals who require support with their medical needs.
What are Medical Needs Shelters?	Medical Needs Shelters are available for people who cannot be accommodated in a regular shelter because of their medical needs. These shelters provide a higher level of medical support than regular public shelters (e.g. Red Cross shelters).
What conditions can I expect at a Medical Needs Shelter?	Individuals will receive sleeping accommodations, food and trained medical staff who would be available to assist with medical needs. Shelters are not able to provide convenience or luxuries as hotels or hospitals.
Who should go to a Medical Needs Shelter?	People with minor medical conditions who are stable and require daily assistance to meet their medical needs will qualify for a Medical Needs Shelter. Examples include assistance with medication administration or daily living activities; changing wound dressings, or helping the oxygen dependent.
Who should <i>not</i> go to a Medical Needs Shelter?	People with unstable medical conditions are not suitable for a Medical Needs Shelter. They are best taken care of at a hospital. Speak to your doctor to determine if you are suitable for a Medical Needs Shelter.
Location of shelters:	Delawareans will be advised through local news media of the location of the Medical Needs Shelters.
Can I bring my pets?	Only service animals are permitted in the shelter. It is best to identify a safe location prior to the emergency as to where your pets will stay.
What will I need to bring with me to the shelter?	Your caregiver(s) should come with you to the shelter. Items to bring include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Durable medical equipment such as walkers and oxygen tanks• All medications and supplies• Personal items• Any special dietary needs• Important documents such as phone numbers or insurance information
What should I <i>not</i> bring to the shelter?	Weapons, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or pets are not permitted in the shelter.

24/7 Emergency Contact Number: 1-888-295-5156

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