



Special Medical Needs Shelters

If you have a medical condition that requires a greater level of care than that provided at a Mass Care shelter, but you do not require hospitalization or a medical institution, a Special Medical Needs Shelter may be appropriate for you. These shelters offer basic medical assistance and monitoring. They are staffed by qualified medical personnel and have back-up electricity for limited lighting and essential medical equipment. Family members and caregivers are encouraged to accompany residents with special medical needs. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required.

Pre-registration for the Special Medical Needs Shelter is open throughout the year, and while not required, is strongly encouraged to ensure that the shelter will be adequately prepared to meet your needs.

For questions or to register for placement in a Special Medical Needs Shelter, call Broward County Human Services Department at **954-537-2888 (TTY 954-537-2882)**.

A person with Special Medical Needs is someone who:

- has minor health/medical conditions that require professional observation, assessment, and maintenance
- requires assistance with personal care and/or assistance with medications but does not require hospitalization or a medical institution
- needs assistance with medication administration and/or vital sign readings and is unable to do so without professional assistance.
- All residents seeking shelter in a Special Medical Needs facility will be reviewed on an individual basis to determine the best placement for their needs. Reasonable modifications will be made for shelter residents with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

If you need transfer assistance, sign language interpretation and other auxiliary aids, or a quiet zone for a cognitive disability or mental health need, call **954-537-2888** or **TTY 954-537-2882** for the most updated information.

As with all public places, residents with service animals accompanying them are welcome at all shelter sites. Residents are encouraged to bring their caregiver and family members are welcome at all shelter sites.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, VISIT: www.broward.org/atrisk



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