Emergency Shelter Placement Flowchart

Use this Emergency Shelter Placement Flowchart to help determine the safest location for an individual when sheltering is necessary.

1. **Acute Medical Emergency**
   - **Yes**
     - **Hospital; 9-1-1**
     - **Description**: Individuals who require emergency care.
     - **Examples**: difficulty breathing, chest pain, broken bone, excessive bleeding
   - **No**

2. **Skilled Nursing Care Required**
   - **Yes**
     - **Medical Shelter**
     - **Description**: Individuals who require 24/7 active monitoring, management, or intervention by a medical professional.
     - **Examples**: hospice, ventilator dependent, tracheotomy that requires suctioning, extensive wound management, isolation due to infection disease
   - **No**

3. **Medical Support**
   - **Yes**
     - **Medical or General Shelter (Individual Choice)**
     - **Description**: Individuals who have a medical condition which can be controlled through a combination of personal caregiver, medication, and medical equipment.
     - **Examples**: obesity, oxygen dependent, dialysis, asthma, Alzheimer’s or dementia, individuals with a disability and medical conditions who require a caregiver.
   - **No**

4. **General Shelter**

**Description**: Individuals who are able to meet their daily needs either by themselves or with a caregiver, and may require some personal care assistance from volunteers.

**Examples**: physical or mobility disability/self-ambulating (with or without DME), Deaf/hard of hearing, blind or low vision (with or without service animal), diabetes, persons with no functional or medical needs