**Shelter Considerations**

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| **Access & Functional Needs** | **Example Situations** | **Accommodations** |
| **Access** | Mobility impaired  Those with strollers  Delivery of shelter supplies | **Site Access**  Accessible parking for cars near entrance  Car Drop Off Areas  Accommodates entry, circulation, drop off for buses  **Entrance/Exit**  Ramps  Curb cuts  Accessible handrails, door hardware, & entry threshold  **Sleeping Area**  Rows between cots sufficient for wheel chairs and durable medical equipment  **Restrooms**  Accessible bathroom doors, toilet stalls, toilets, sinks  **Showers**  No ledge (roll in)  Hand held shower head  Bench  **General**  Canes, walkers, wheel chairs available  Clear pathways (no obstacles)  Pathways between shelter areas accessible to all |
| **Communications**  (508 Compliance – information is not actionable if it is not accessible) | Deaf and hard of hearing | Signage (words and pictures)  Interpreters on site; language line support  Materials in local languages; with pictures; large print  Captioning on videos; information recorded text on digital records (e.g. iPods, MP3s, CDs)  Communication Devices  Note pad and paper; braille & raised letter signage  Message board  Magnifying tools (glasses, table magnifiers)  Cell phone service |
| Visually impaired |
| Non-English speaking |
| Intellectual disabilities |
| Young Children |
| All those disoriented by the emergency circumstances |
| **Maintaining Health** | Special dietary needs  Medical Conditions (asthma, diabetes, allergies…) | Medications/Pharmacy access or delivery  Room next to cot for medical equipment  110V Power for medical equipment (e.g. CPAP)  Dietitian/nutritionist  Caregiver/case manger  Dining area accessible  Battery chargers |
| **Independence** | What is needed to stay at home | (A Personal Independence Checklist that could be reviewed and signed-off by (?) allowing person to return home) |
| **Safety, support, and self-determination** | Dementia  Children  Individuals over 300 pounds  All | Family member to assist co-located in shelter  Caregiver/Case manager/Personal Assistant  Day care available  Privacy/Security Screening Areas  Alert mechanism (whistles? Slide alarm, …)  Grab Bars (sleeping area, toilets, showers, …)  Cots modified to address disability-related needs  Service animal safety and support; co-located with owner |
| **Transportation** | Lacking appropriate transport | Public transportation access (paratransit, bus)  Surface type (e.g. paved versus gravel)  Painted drop off area  Painted Accessible parking  Medical taxi |