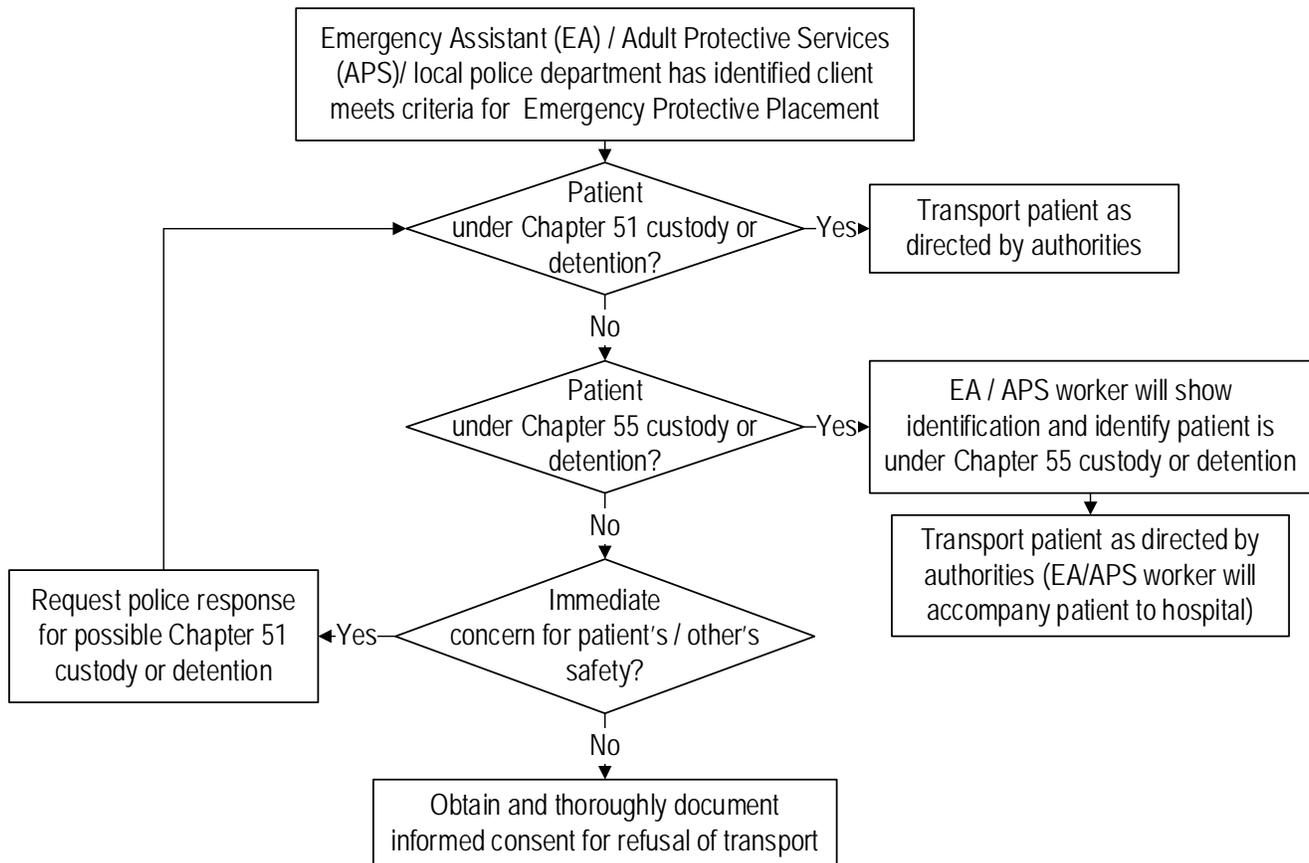




**PROTECTIVE CUSTODY  
Operational Policy**

- **WI Statute Chapter 51** (State alcohol, drug abuse, developmental disabilities and mental health act) provides legal procedures for voluntary and involuntary admission, treatment and rehabilitation of individuals (adults and minor children) afflicted with mental illness, developmental disability, drug dependency, or alcoholism.
- **WI Statute Chapter 55** (Protective services system) provides legal procedures for emergency protective placements if it is probable that an individual is incapable of providing for his or her own care or custody so as to create a substantial risk of physical harm to himself, herself or others if protective intervention is not immediately taken.
  - In Milwaukee County on an authorized Emergency Assistant (EA) or a Milwaukee County Adult Protective Services (APS) worker may detain the person at an appropriate facility and initiate an emergency protective placement.
  - Milwaukee County EA/APS will contact EMS or the local police department to transport as needed under authority of Chapter 55 Emergency Detention Process



**Notes:**

- For patients 60 years and older, contact Milwaukee County Department on Aging at **414-289-6874**
- For patients under 60 years of age, contact Milwaukee County Disability Services Division at **414-289-6660**