

Youth Admission and Exclusion Criteria for Independence Mental Health Institute (IMHI)

Admission Categories

Voluntary Admission (Iowa Code §229.2)

- ▶ Requires parent, guardian or custodian's written application/consent and approval by clinical director. If minor objects, juvenile court must order if it's determined it's the least restrictive treatment environment
- ▶ Admission is subject to the capacity and capability to serve the patient

Involuntary Commitment (Iowa Code §229.13/§229.14A)

- ▶ Court-ordered hospitalization, to originate in the county where the youth resides or where the youth is currently located
- ▶ Must have a serious mental impairment which includes being a danger to self or others amongst other considerations

Juvenile Court – Pending Delinquency (Iowa Code §232.49)

- ▶ Court-ordered as part of ongoing delinquency case
- ▶ Commitment not to exceed 30 days
- ▶ Often includes request for psychological evaluation
- ▶ Provisions of Chapter 229 do not apply
- ▶ Requires agreement of parent/guardian and juvenile's attorney if ordered prior to adjudication

Competence to Stand Trial (Iowa Code §812)

- ▶ IMHI can provide competency evaluations and/or restoration services for youths charged in delinquency cases

Juvenile Court – Delinquency Disposition (Iowa Code §232.52)

- ▶ Court-ordered as part of delinquency disposition
- ▶ Requires findings pursuant to Chapter 229 standards

Juvenile Court – CINA Petition (Iowa Code §232.98)

- ▶ Provisions of Iowa Code §229 do not apply
- ▶ Does not specifically require Chapter 229 standards be met
- ▶ Court-ordered as part of CINA case
- ▶ Must not exceed 15 days if ordered *before or during* adjudication; Must not exceed 30 days if ordered *after* adjudication
- ▶ Can be ordered prior to or at adjudication if all of the following are present:

1. Probable cause exists to believe that the child is a child in need of assistance pursuant to section 232.96A, subsection 5 or 6
2. Commitment is necessary to determine whether there is clear and convincing evidence that the child is a Child In Need of Assistance (CINA)
3. Child's attorney agrees to commitment/placement

Exclusion Criteria

Substance Abuse Treatment

- ▶ IMHI is not licensed to provide substance abuse treatment, but can treat persons with substance use disorders as long as they have a primary psychiatric disorder or serious mental impairment

Facility Security

- ▶ IMHI has a limited crisis response team during hours with limited programming, which may limit their ability to meet the needs of highly aggressive or violent individuals

Minimum Age

- ▶ IMHI does not serve youth under the age of seven

IMHI Resources

- ▶ IMHI may decline to admit a youth patient when it lacks sufficient beds or other resources to serve the youth's needs
- ▶ IMHI is an acute psychiatric hospital and has limited ability to address other medical needs
- ▶ IMHI is not a long-term placement facility
- ▶ Some individuals with traumatic brain injury, intellectual disability, or autism may have unique needs which IMHI may have difficulty addressing

Additional information about patient admissions may be obtained
by contacting the IMHI admissions office

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