

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

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### 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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