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IMCC Special Needs Unit (SNU)

Primary Functions

1. House offenders with significant health care and/or ambulation challenges.
2. Provide health care services to offenders who have:
 - a) Been discharged from hospital care
 - b) Who have long-term medical problems
 - c) A need for acute level of mental health care
3. Continue to provide medical and mental health evaluation and treatment services to reception offenders.
4. Facilitate medical appointments with University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.
5. House offenders with mental health and behavioral challenges.
6. Provide relief to overcrowding in current reception and segregation units.

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Medical Unit

1. Appointment Clinics on First Level
 - Move existing Health Services Clinic

2. Infirmary on Second Level
 - Inpatient ward
 - Limited ability for self-care
 - Medical isolation
 - Significant and continuous monitoring and care needs
 - √ Tube feeding
 - √ O₂ therapy
 - √ IV therapy
 - √ Intensive post operative recuperation

3. Short-Term Care – Ambulatory Care (Second Level)
 - Activities of daily living
 - Rehabilitative services
 - Frequent trips to UIHC (e.g., cancer treatment)
 - Post-operative care and monitoring but not requiring inpatient
 - Intensive medical work-ups
 - Two rooms for females

4. Long-Term Care (Third Level)
 - Age 55 or older needing assistance in activities of daily living
 - Requires lifting or assistance with transfer activities
 - Requires monitoring due to disorientation or confusion
 - Incontinence
 - Requires assistance with food intake

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Behavioral Unit

1. Appointments Holdover Unit on First Level
 - Both single and double cells
 - Facilitate hospital appointments

2. Secure Observation Area on First Level
 - Mental Health Acute Care
 - Mental Health Observation
 - Suicide and Self-Injury Protocol Observation
 - Administrative Segregation of Special Need Offenders
 - Disciplinary Detention for Special Need Offenders

3. Two, two-tiered celled housing units on Second/Third Level
 - Reception units for special needs offenders
 - All single cells
 - Longer reception stays
 - √ Additional Assessment
 - √ Stabilize mental health conditions

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Capacity (178 beds)

1. Infirmary – 24 beds (4 double rooms, 12 single rooms, 4 isolation rooms)
2. Short-Term Ambulatory Care – 30 beds (all double rooms)
3. Long-Term Care – 32 beds (all 4-person rooms)
4. Transportation Holdover Housing Unit – 24 beds (8 single and 8 double cells)
5. Secure Observation – 20 beds (single cells)
6. Special Needs Reception Program Housing – 48 beds (2 Units, 24-single cells each)