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## **Ribbon Cutting for New Emergency Department Announced**

*Des Moines, IA:* A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Emergency Department (ED) at VA Central Iowa Health Care System (VACIHCS) is planned for Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 9 a.m. The ceremony location is in the new ambulance bay right off the ED in the expanded space, located off the 30<sup>th</sup> Street exit, near Primary Care.

Veterans, families and the public are invited to attend. The ribbon cutting event will be followed by an open house and tours, where refreshments will be served. The event will conclude at 11 a.m...

The new Emergency Department will house eight, spacious single rooms equipped with ceiling lifts and televisions. The space also includes a mental health observation room and a large ambulance bay.

VA Central Iowa Health Care System is focused on delivering access to high quality health care in a timely manner to Central Iowa Veterans. As we gather to enjoy this new beautiful space, we will also hear from VA healthcare, benefits, and cemetery leadership on how we deliver high quality care. You won't want to miss out, because you will also have the opportunity to meet the new Director for VACIHCS, Gail Graham!

Parking for the event is limited, and will be located outside of the ED and throughout our many parking lots on campus. A courtesy shuttle is available for those requiring assistance.

Media may contact VACIHCS Public Affairs Officer at [kristi.catrenich@va.gov](mailto:kristi.catrenich@va.gov) to RSVP

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