

The Outpatient Specialty Clinic will add two patient exam rooms and one procedure room. There will also be an expansion of the chemotherapy treatment area, with four additional treatment chairs and one bed. The remodeled area will connect directly to the Cardiac Rehab Center next door, allowing cardiologists to move quickly between the two areas to increase patient safety.

Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing and the Diabetes Education Center will move to the outpatient area of the current facility, closer to physician clinics, providing better coordination with medical providers and easier access for patients.

Respiratory Care will be relocated for easy access to both the inpatient areas and the Emergency Department, allowing quicker response when seconds count.

Of course, all these changes for medical areas will lead to changes in public areas. The CCMH Auxiliary Gift Shop will be relocated to the central Atrium area, allowing better access for patients and visitors. New Emergency Department Admissions and waiting areas will provide more privacy for patients and families. A new helicopter landing pad will be created to provide safe, efficient transfer in emergencies. Additional parking will be created as well.

### **DEMOLITION**

After the addition and remodeling are completed, 29,000 square feet of the original building, currently housing the Medical/Surgical Department and the Cass County Hospice Center, will be demolished. This area of the building would require extensive infrastructure work in order to meet current building codes – new air handling, heating and electrical systems. The Cass County Hospice Center, which opened in August 2010, was never intended to be a permanent facility. It was created as a short-term hospice facility, with the goal of building a permanent, free-standing Hospice House as soon as possible. All the furnishings and equipment purchased for the Hospice Center would be utilized in a new Hospice House.

### **FINANCING**

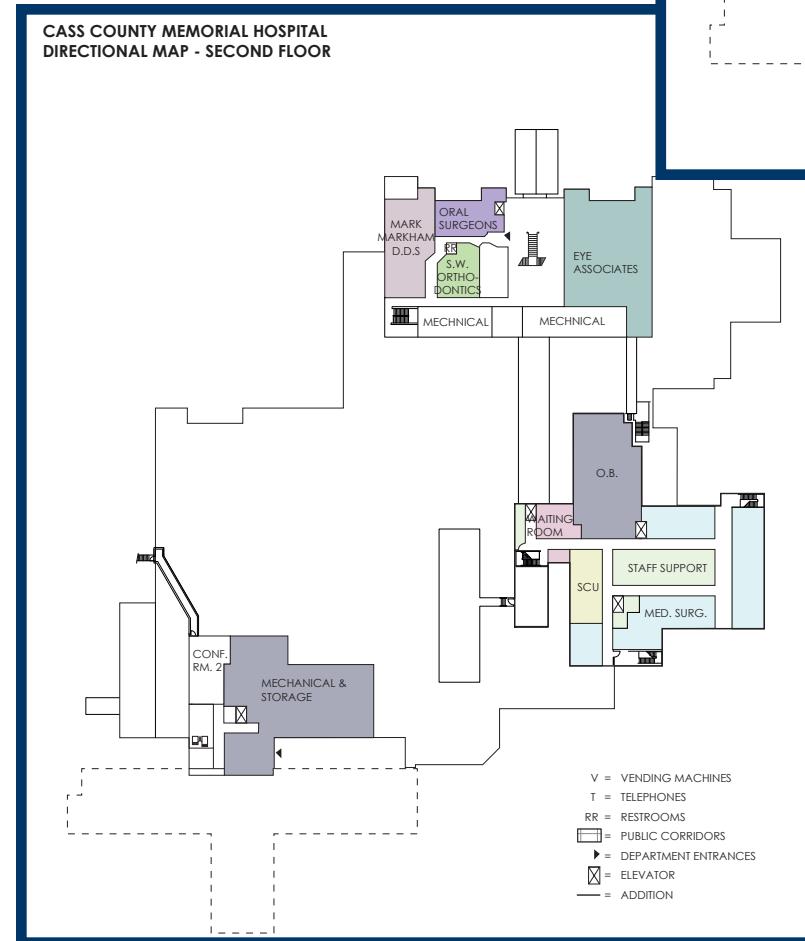
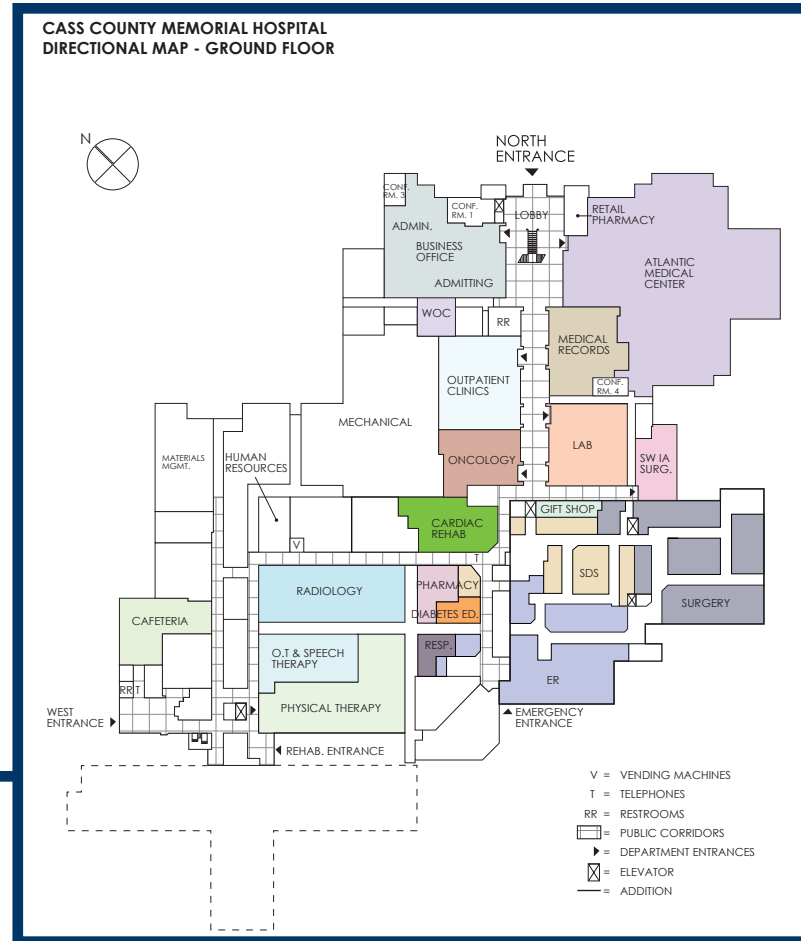
Revenue bonds will be used to fund \$6.78 million of the project. The remaining \$16.72 million will be financed with Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds, which have been made available at low interest rates through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. These bonds are sold to investors, and are then repaid from business revenues. Cass County Memorial Hospital will not increase their tax asking to finance this project. This update of the facility will allow for the installation of newer, more efficient mechanical systems, as well as staffing changes to increase efficiency and patient safety, all of which contribute to the long-term health of Cass County Health System and the people we serve throughout Southwest Iowa.



**EVER WONDER  
WHAT THE  
FUTURE  
OF HEALTHCARE  
LOOKS LIKE?**

# If you live near Cass County, Iowa, it may look something like this . . .

The future of healthcare at Cass County Health System (CCHS) will include new, state-of-the-art facilities to ensure high quality, efficient care for many years to come. As medical care advances and more patients are treated on an outpatient basis, facility needs change. Smaller numbers of inpatients create the need for more efficient, centralized inpatient care, while increasing capacity for outpatient care.



March 2011 will bring the beginning of a 42,250 sq. ft. addition to the east side of the hospital. The two-story addition will include space for a new Emergency Department, Same Day Surgery Department, surgical suites, and inpatient units (Medical/Surgical, Special Care and Obstetrics). Over 22,000 sq. ft. of existing space will be remodeled to improve and expand outpatient services. Finally, 29,000 sq. ft. of the original, outdated building will be demolished. This 30-month project is expected to be completed Fall 2013.

## NEW SPACE

The main floor of the new addition will house the Emergency and Same Day Surgery Departments, and the surgical suites. The new Emergency Department will enhance patient privacy while providing high-tech emergency care. Same Day Surgery will expand from seven beds to ten, in order to meet the increasing demand created by advances in medical technology as more procedures are done on an outpatient basis every year. The new surgical department will boast larger operating suites with 10 ft. ceilings, as compared to the current 8½ ft. height. These new rooms will allow for the latest in technology, as much of the newest surgical equipment functions from booms mounted from the ceiling.

The second floor of the new addition will house inpatient rooms for Medical/Surgical, Obstetric and Special Care inpatients. While there will still be separate patient areas for each type of care, a centralized nurses' station will allow more efficient coordination of staff for each area. The Obstetrics Department will expand from two LDRP (labor, delivery, recovery, postpartum) suites to four, each with a private bathroom and shower. All Medical/Surgical inpatient rooms will be private, with a ¾ bath in each room.

The new wing will centralize services, allowing staff to work more efficiently to meet patient needs. Centralized patient care units will allow staff to be cross-trained and available to help out in all areas when needed, increasing patient safety. New heating and air conditioning systems will enable more comfortable, consistent temperatures in patient rooms.

## REMODELED SPACE

The addition of 42,250 sq. ft. will allow for remodeling of an existing 22,000 sq. ft. for improved outpatient services. This remodeling will take place in several phases as departments are moved to new locations, freeing existing space for remodeling.

Rehabilitation Services – physical, occupational and speech therapies – will be moved to the current Obstetrics and Surgery Departments. This new, larger rehab area will have a direct entrance from a new parking lot adjacent to the department. The increased space for therapies will create a more comfortable, private environment for patients. There will be a dedicated pediatric room, allowing children to focus on their therapy without distraction. A new on-site therapy pool will provide therapeutic water temperature with a resistance current to maximize the effectiveness of hydro-therapy. Having a pool located in the hospital will also increase patient privacy and scheduling flexibility.