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Space Planning Criteria, Chapter 256: Emergency Department (ED) and Urgent Care Clinic (UCC)

SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN THIS VERSION:

1. Removed reference to Urgent Care Clinic, which will be developed as Chapter 257 in FY22.
2. Section 2 - Definitions: the language of the Definitions has been standardized across all Chapters for those Definitions that apply to multiple Chapters.
3. Section 3 – Operating Rationale: The Operating Rationale has been updated to reflect a standard approach in defining the Operating Rationale for each Chapter.
4. Section 4 – Input Data Statements (IDS): the number of IDS has been reduced due to a change in process that now pre-determines ranges (smallest to largest) of workload, staffing, and mission.
5. Section 5 – Space Criteria: Format change to criteria statements for each space. All rooms / spaces and criteria statements have been updated to reflect current VHA operations and needs.
6. Section 6 – Completely revised
7. Section 7 – Functional Relationships: the matrix was restructured and relationships reassessed to provide a common approach to all Space Chapters.