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In the United States, correctional facilities house an increasing number of older adults. As the number of adults 50+ who are incarcerated is only expected to continue to grow, their need for medical services also increases as 50 is considered 'older age' within the prison system. This is due to the earlier onset of many health-related illnesses. Mental health services tend to be neglected in correctional facilities. While a screening is typically performed upon admittance to the facility, the lack of follow up leaves many prone to depression or anxiety without adequate treatment. Assessing self-rated health (SRH) may be a simple way to assist in the detection of these symptoms. Previous research has found that individuals with poor SRH have had a higher risk for developing depressive symptoms or other negative mental health symptoms. Research has also shown that a person with high perceived self-worth and meaeWñ (SRH) of .

