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Snoqualmie Valley Health Recognized for Quality Excellence by Washington State Hospital Association



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CHELAN, WA — Snoqualmie Valley Health (SVH) has been recognized with the Critical Access Hospital Achievement of Excellence distinction by the Washington State Hospital Association (WSHA). The honor was announced during the association's annual Rural Hospital Leadership Conference in Chelan.

"The Achievement of Quality Excellence program elevates the work of our most rural hospitals as they deliver high-quality care close to home," said Darcy Jaffe, WSHA's senior vice president of safety and quality. "Their outstanding commitment to improvement is a testament to their leadership in patient care."

This distinction recognizes a hospital's strong commitment to patient care across 14 quality measures, including sepsis management, diagnostic accuracy, workplace safety, and efforts to reduce health disparities.

SVH was one of six hospitals across the state to receive the silver-level distinction, which reflects performance excellence over a 12-month period. As a smaller critical access hospital, SVH was eligible for the silver-level distinction, the highest recognition available to hospitals of its size within the program.

Critical access hospitals are defined as those with 25 or fewer inpatient beds, located more than 35 miles from another hospital, and offering 24-hour emergency services. These hospitals also maintain an average patient stay of 96 hours or less for acute care.



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Snoqualmie Valley Health is proud to be among the state's 39 designated critical access hospitals and remains committed to delivering exceptional care to the Snoqualmie Valley community and beyond.

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About Snoqualmie Valley Health

Snoqualmie Valley Health is the leading healthcare institution serving the Snoqualmie Valley community. Dedicated to quality and deeply connected to the community, Snoqualmie Valley Health stands as an independent public hospital district that has been unwavering in its commitment to delivering expert and compassionate care since its establishment. With a focus on patient-centered care, the hospital district provides a wide range of medical services and is dedicated to ensuring the health and well-being of the community it serves. Snoqualmie Valley Health provides comprehensive healthcare through its Critical Access Hospital, two primary care clinics, urgent care and also offers a diverse array of specialty and outpatient services including therapy and rehabilitation, pediatrics, gastroenterology, cardiology, medical aesthetics and nephrology among others.