



Newport Hospital & Health Services
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Newport Hospital Clinics Receive National Recognition

OLYMPIA – Washington State Hospital Association (WSHA) announced Thursday the new Level 2 Patient Centered Medical Home classification from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). In the recognition announcement, WSHA stated, “This recognition signals Newport’s continued commitment to high-quality primary care for the local community and is a testament to the hard work and dedication of Newport’s clinicians and staff.”

The NCQA certification of Patient Centered Medical Home is a new care delivery model meant to enhance primary care practices. In short, this new model relies on a true patient/provider relationship to achieve overall wellness and addresses the coordinated care necessary to keep patients healthy. It gives patients more voice in their care, and replaces an older care delivery system that was more focused on treatment for episodic health events. Although coordinated and patient-centric care at Newport Hospital and Health Services has always been the goal, the national certification within the rural health clinics bolsters an already robust rural primary care focus.

Jacqueline Barton True, WSHA Director of Rural Health Programs, offered congratulations saying, “Newport’s work to coordinate and integrate care across your community is an outstanding example of how rural communities can innovate and deliver top notch care.” In order to achieve the intensive Level 2 status, Newport Hospital and Health Services completed an aggressive application and review process that ensured



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they clear 10 “must-pass” elements which depend on overall scoring and compliance.

More information on Patient Centered Medical Homes is available at www.ncqa.org.

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