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Washington State Department of Social and Health Services

**Western State Hospital**

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**August 28, 2016**

**Please share with all ward staff**

## **WSH ended accrediting relationship with The Joint Commission**

**Dear Western State Hospital Team:**

Western State Hospital has ended its accrediting relationship with The Joint Commission.

Under the terms of the Systems Improvement Agreement (SIA) WSH is working directly with CMS to meet the Conditions of Participation. The SIA provides timelines for compliance and establishes oversight monitoring and guidance of outside independent consultants, who also report progress directly to CMS, to make sustainable systemic improvements to safety and care quality.

When the hospital meets the terms of the SIA and is fully operational with CMS certification, we will once again explore accreditation options.

We thought this information had been shared via the Electronic Bulletin Board, but it wasn't found after doing a preliminary search of the site.