

b. PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center – Press Release: Cleanest Hospitals



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TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor & City Council

Initials: 

FROM: Delilah A. Walsh, City Manager

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RE: **PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center – Press Release: Cleanest Hospitals**

Attached for the City Council's information is a September 5, 2024, press release from PeaceHealth announcing that the PH Ketchikan Medical Center ranks among the top five percent for hospital cleanliness nationwide.



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For Immediate Release

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PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center ranks among top in nation for cleanest hospitals

Ketchikan, Alaska – PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center was recently ranked among the top five percent of hospitals nationwide in hospital cleanliness by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

CMS surveys hospitals annually on numerous metrics, one being hospital cleanliness. In the most recent data released in July, PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center received a 5 out of 5-star rating for cleanliness. PeaceHealth Ketchikan is one of only two in the State of Alaska (out of 28 total hospitals) to earn such a rating and one of only 350 in the country to earn a five-star rating (out of 6,120 hospitals).

Cleanliness is a top priority at PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center— both to have an attractive, welcoming facility for our community, and most importantly, to protect our patients against infection or other safety risks.

Arlene Corrao, manager of PeaceHealth Ketchikan’s Food and Environmental Services, was honored but not surprised to earn this rating. According to Arlene, “My team’s goal is to be the standard-setter for cleanliness for our entire hospital system. This rating is a direct result of the pride my team takes in their work. Their commitment to cleanliness has a direct impact on our patients’ experience and the overall quality of their care.”

About PeaceHealth: PeaceHealth, based in Vancouver, Wash., is a non-profit Catholic health system offering care to communities in Washington, Oregon and Alaska. PeaceHealth has approximately 16,000 caregivers, more than 3,000 providers, more than 160 clinics and 9 medical centers serving both urban and rural communities throughout the Northwest. In 1890, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace founded what has become PeaceHealth. The Sisters shared expertise and transferred wisdom from one medical center to another, always finding the best way to serve the unmet need for healthcare in their communities. Today, PeaceHealth is the legacy of the founding Sisters and continues with a spirit of respect, stewardship, collaboration and social justice in fulfilling its Mission. Visit us online at [peacehealth.org](https://www.peacehealth.org).

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