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**Accountability Audit Report**  
**Smokey Point Medical Center, LLC**  
**(Cascade Skagit Health Alliance)**  
**Skagit County**

**For the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016**

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Smokey Point Medical Center, LLC dba Cascade Skagit Health Alliance  
Mount Vernon, Washington

**Report on Accountability**

Thank you for the opportunity to work with you to promote accountability, integrity and openness in government. The State Auditor's Office takes seriously our role of providing state and local governments with assurance and accountability as the independent auditor of public accounts. In this way, we strive to help government work better, cost less, deliver higher value and earn greater public trust.

Independent audits provide essential accountability and transparency for Alliance operations. This information is valuable to management, the governing body and public stakeholders when assessing the government's stewardship of public resources.

The attached comprises our report on the Alliance's compliance and safeguarding of public resources. Our independent audit report describes the overall results and conclusions for areas we examined. We appreciate the opportunity to work with your staff and we value your cooperation during the audit.

Sincerely,

Pat McCarthy  
State Auditor  
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## AUDIT SUMMARY

### Results in brief

In the areas we audited, Alliance operations complied with applicable requirements and provided adequate safeguarding of public resources. The Alliance also complied with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures in the areas we examined.

### About the audit

This report contains the results of our independent accountability audit of the Smokey Point Medical Center, LLC dba Cascade Skagit Health Alliance from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016.

Management is responsible for ensuring compliance and adequate safeguarding of public resources from fraud, loss or abuse. This includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal controls relevant to these objectives.

Our audit involved performing procedures to obtain evidence about the Alliance's uses of public resources, compliance with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures, and internal controls over such matters.

In keeping with general auditing practices, we do not examine every transaction, activity or area. Instead, the areas examined were those representing the highest risk of fraud, loss, abuse, or noncompliance. The following areas were examined during this audit period:

- Receipting
- Disbursements

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE ALLIANCE

Smokey Point Medical Center, LLC, doing business as Cascade Skagit Health Alliance, was created through an interlocal agreement in 2012 and is owned 50% by Skagit County Public Hospital District No. 1 and 50% by Snohomish County Public Hospital District No. 3. The Alliance operates a two-story, 40,000-square-foot ambulatory center. Approximately one quarter of the space is leased to UW Medicine, which operates a primary care physician practice and a maternal fetal medicine clinic. The rest of the building is leased to Skagit County Public Hospital District No. 1, which operates an outpatient chemotherapy unit, an urgent care clinic, an occupational medicine clinic, and laboratory and imaging services.

The Alliance is governed by a managing board composed of two representatives from each hospital district.

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### **Audit history**

You can find current and past audit reports for the Smokey Point Medical Center, LLC dba Cascade Skagit Health Alliance at <http://portal.sao.wa.gov/ReportSearch>.

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In fulfilling our mission to hold state and local governments accountable for the use of public resources, we also hold ourselves accountable by continually improving our audit quality and operational efficiency and developing highly engaged and committed employees.

As an elected agency, the State Auditor's Office has the independence necessary to objectively perform audits and investigations. Our audits are designed to comply with professional standards as well as to satisfy the requirements of federal, state, and local laws.

Our audits look at financial information and compliance with state, federal and local laws on the part of all local governments, including schools, and all state agencies, including institutions of higher education. In addition, we conduct performance audits of state agencies and local governments as well as [fraud](#), state [whistleblower](#) and [citizen hotline](#) investigations.

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