THE JOINT COMMISSION CERTIFICATIONS

The Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest quality accreditation and certification organization in healthcare. To earn Joint Commission certification, hospitals undergo a rigorous on-site inspection that evaluates compliance with related certification standards, including clinical information management, program management, supporting self-management, and clinical care.

SERVICES EVALUATED	Washington Regional	Freeman Health Springdale	Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas	Freeman Health Bentonville	Mercy Hospital Fort Smith	Baptist Health Fort Smith	University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences	CHI St. Vincent Little Rock	Baptist Health Medical Center Little Rock	St. Bernards Medical Center	Mercy Hospital Springfield	Cox Medical Center South
Total Hip & Knee Replacement	Advanced Certification		Certified	Advanced Certification			Certified			Advanced Certification	Advanced Certification	N/R
Spine Surgery	Advanced Certification								Advanced Certification			N/R
Spinal Fusion							Certified					N/R
Primary Stroke Center *(Limited capabilities for less complex stroke cases)*		Advanced Certification	Advanced Certification		Advanced Certification	Advanced Certification				Advanced Certification		N/R
Comprehensive Stroke Center *(24/7 complete capabilities for the most complex cases)*	Advanced Certification										Advanced Certification	N/R
Acute Stroke Ready Hospital			Advanced Certification									N/R
Primary Heart Attack Center										Advanced Certification		N/R
Heart Failure						Certified						N/R
Ventricular Assist Device								Advanced Certification	Advanced Certification			N/R
Advanced Palliative Care							Advanced Certification					N/R
Advanced Perinatal												N/R

N/R = Information not reported.

Note: Freeman Health acquired Northwest Health in June 2026. Last Updated: August 2026