Hospital Scope of Service

United General Hospital, located in Sedro Woolley, Washington, serves Public Hospital District 304, which encompasses more than 2,300 square miles from Bayview in the West to Cascade Mountains in the East; from the southern Skagit County boundary to the Canadian border in Eastern Whatcom County.

United General, a 97 bed licensed facility, as a Critical Access Hospital has a 25 bed maximum acute care capacity. Of the 25 Critical Access Hospital acute care beds up to 5 beds can be used for swing bed patients and 4 beds are designated as Intensive Care level beds. The balance of beds are used for General Medical/Surgical/Oncology Inpatient and Observation, as well as Preoperative preparation, Postoperative care, and Outpatient intravenous therapies. United General provides general observation/inpatient/surgery acute care services for adult and pediatric patients over 5 years of age and outpatient care for all age groups.

The following patients are medically screened, treated and stabilized, discharged, referred or transferred due to lack of medical, equipment, nursing or diagnostic resources:

- Neurology
- Cardiac diagnostics with potential surgical intervention
- Renal
- Obstetrics
- Primary Mental Health
- Plastic & Reconstructive
- Thoracic
- Acute/critical inpatient/observation of pediatric patients under the age of 5
- Bariatric patients with BMI greater than 40, however not to exceed BMI of 50. Potential surgical intervention: Prior to the admission of a patient exceeding BMI the House Supervisor will ascertain whether safe provisions, equipment and care can be provided to meet the patient's needs. The patient will be evaluated in person by a surgeon and/or electronically at the request of a referred provider. If the surgeon and the nursing supervisor both perceive the operation is safe to be performed at United General Hospital, then the surgeon will discuss the case with the Medical Director of Anesthesiology (or the on-call Anesthesiologist) and a summary of that discussion will be documented prior to proceeding to the Operating Room.
- Bariatric patients with BMI greater than 50 or 45 with co-morbidities-Medical Admission: Prior to the admission of a patient exceeding BMI the House Supervisor will ascertain whether safe provisions, equipment and care can be provided to meet the patient's needs.

The top DRGs are reviewed on an annual basis.

As a Trauma IV center, United provides emergency care 24 hours day, seven days a week. Contracted emergency physicians and members of the Medical Staff are available to evaluate and treat emergency patients. Following an initial screening and stabilization process, the provider determines whether care can be provided at United or whether transfer to a tertiary care facility is appropriate.