

February 15, 2019

Senator Chuck Grassley
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C., 20510

Senator Michael Bennet
261 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C., 20510

Dear Senator Grassley and Senator Bennet:

I am writing on behalf of Vizient, Inc. to offer our support for the “The Advancing Care for Exceptional Kids Act of 2019” (S. 317 – ACE Kids Act). This legislation would take important steps to protect and strengthen care for our most vulnerable populations. The ACE Kids Act represents meaningful, bipartisan work to improve the Medicaid program for children who have complex medical needs. Vizient supported the ACE Kids Act during the last Congress, and we are pleased to again offer our endorsement of this important legislation.

Vizient is the nation’s largest health care performance improvement company. We serve a diverse membership across the country that includes leading children’s hospitals, academic medical centers, community hospitals, integrated healthcare delivery networks and non-acute health care providers. Vizient members are on the front lines of care delivery improvements and clinical reforms in an effort to fundamentally improve how care is delivered.

Vizient strongly supports the adoption of legislation that protects and advances delivery system reforms that improve quality of care, reduce expenses and saves patient lives. The ACE Kids Act would help achieve these goals by expanding access to patient-centered, pediatric-focused coordinated care for children with medical complexity.

The ACE Kids Act ensures that kids can access the coordinated care they need – across multiple providers and services. It reduces the burden on their families and addresses existing challenges in Medicaid coverage. On behalf of our members, we applaud this bipartisan legislation that takes a common sense approach to improving care for children who need it most.

We thank you for your commitment to improving patient care for children with complex medical issues and their families and are pleased to offer our endorsement of the ACE Kids Act.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at shoshana.krilow@vizientinc.com or 202-354-2607 if you have any questions about Vizient or if there is any way we can be of assistance in supporting this legislation.

Sincerely,



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