

January 29, 2021

The Honorable David B. McKinley
2239 Rayburn House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C., 20515

The Honorable Brad Schneider
300 Cannon House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Representative Schneider and Representative McKinley:

On behalf of Vizient, Inc., I am pleased to offer our support for H.R. 315, The Medicare Sequester COVID Moratorium Act. This bipartisan legislation will help to alleviate some of the financial stress placed on hospitals as they continue to deliver critical health care services during this unprecedented pandemic.

Vizient is the nation's largest health care performance improvement company. Vizient provides solutions and services that improve the delivery of high-value care by aligning cost, quality and market performance for more than 50% of the nation's acute care providers, which includes 95% of the nation's academic medical centers, and more than 20% of ambulatory providers. Vizient provides expertise, analytics, and advisory services, as well as a contract portfolio that represents more than \$100 billion in annual purchasing volume, to improve patient outcomes and lower costs. Headquartered in Irving, Texas, Vizient has offices throughout the United States.

Vizient and our member hospitals appreciate the support Congress has provided thus far to hospitals and other health care providers on the front lines of the pandemic. However, hospitals continue to face significant challenges, from staffing shortages to the interruption of elective and routine procedures, and more needs to be done to help ensure hospitals can continue to provide essential health care services.

The current Medicare sequester moratorium, which ends on April 1, 2021, was an important step to restore vital Medicare reimbursement as our nation's health care system faced enormous financial challenges. As the pandemic has continued, those fiscal challenges have as well, making your bipartisan legislation, which extends the moratorium until the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency, an essential step to support hospitals and health care providers across the country. Vizient is pleased to offer our endorsement of H.R. 315 and urges its quick adoption.

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 advancing your important legislation.

Sincerely,



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