

February 2, 2021

The Honorable Chris Murphy
136 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C., 20510

The Honorable Debbie Dingell
116 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C., 20515

The Honorable Roy Blunt
260 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C., 20510

The Honorable Bob Latta
2467 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Senator Murphy, Senator Blunt, Representative Dingell and Representative Latta:

As Congress continues to address the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), a robust and adaptable workforce continues to be a critical need. As such, I am pleased to offer Vizient's support for the Temporary Reciprocity to Ensure Access to Treatment (TREAT) Act.

Vizient, Inc. 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, COVID-19 continues to challenge the health care delivery system and more needs to be done to help ensure continued access to quality care. Although states have taken important steps to offer expanded licensing and reciprocity, these actions have been inconsistent and continue to limit health care professionals' ability to provide care across state lines. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation will help to alleviate significant barriers to care by creating a temporary nationwide licensing reciprocity for health care professionals during the COVID-19 PHE plus a 180-day normalization period. Licensed health professionals must continue to comply with scope of practice laws in their home state of licensure and the state in which the patient resides. Because telehealth has also provided an essential option for many patients throughout the COVID-19 crisis, Vizient also applauds the provision that would apply this temporary licensure reciprocity to both in-person and telehealth visits.

Addressing the current workforce needs that are plaguing communities nationwide is of critical importance as the country continues to grapple with the COVID-19 crisis. We are pleased to support this legislation and encourage its inclusion in the upcoming COVID-19 relief package.

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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