

July 30, 2021

The Honorable Michael Bennet  
261 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin Cramer  
330 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Bennet and Cramer:

I am writing today to offer [Vizient's](#) support for the Provider Relief Fund Deadline Extension Act. We applaud your leadership in introducing this important legislation to ensure that hospitals have adequate time in which to use funding they have received through the Provider Relief Fund (PRF).

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.

Throughout the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, hospitals have faced immense challenges. From provider burnout and critical staffing needs, to significant investments in medical supplies, to the ongoing recovery from the shutdown of elective care – hospitals continue to persist and provide life-saving care to their communities.

Vizient is grateful that Congress has provided essential funding to support hospitals and other providers through the PRF and other policy changes. That support has been critical in providing hospitals with needed resources to successfully respond to the pandemic. Unfortunately, the confusing and frequently changing guidelines regarding the utilization and reporting of PRF funds has left many hospitals uncertain about how or whether to utilize their PRF allocations. As the COVID pandemic continues to spread and evolve, hospitals need flexibility with how they utilize their relief funding.

Your legislation would address these challenges by giving hospitals until the end of the year or the end of the declared public health emergency to utilize their PRF funds. It would offer hospitals additional clarity and more time to strategically deploy those resources to effectively meet the needs of their patients and continue responding to the pandemic. We are proud to offer our support and urge rapid adoption of your bill.

Thank you for your ongoing leadership and support of hospitals. Please do not hesitate to contact me at [shoshana.krilow@vizientinc.com](mailto: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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Senior Vice President, Public Policy & Government Relations

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The Honorable Cindy Axne  
1034 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mariannette Miller-Meeks  
1716 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Axne and Miller-Meeks:

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