

Environmentally Preferred Advisory Solutions

In partnership with a third-party consultant, Vizient supports members as they establish or augment their sustainability programs.

Overview

As the healthcare industry leader in offering sustainability solutions to healthcare systems across the US, Vizient® is excited to provide environmentally preferred advisory services designed to support member’s sustainability initiatives, drive operational efficiencies, and uncover cost savings. Vizient understands each healthcare organization is unique and is committed to helping our members differentiate themselves by becoming good community stewards.

How we can help

A recent study revealed that nearly 94% of patients consider a hospital’s sustainability programs to be important.¹ Our Environmentally Preferred Advisory Solutions is one more step that offers our members a comprehensive solution of integrating sustainable business practices into their organization from environmental data analytics, to an environmentally preferred contracting portfolio and customized advisory solutions. Vizient shall meet its members where they are and help them take the next step in their sustainability programming – whether they are just beginning or are leaders aiming to building upon their successes.

Our consultants deliver customized approaches by taking the time to understand the full breadth of member needs and customizes services to ensure that our members are supported throughout to make the desired change within their organization.

Vizient Environmentally Preferred Advisory Solutions will drive overall value for our members through:

- **Sustainability and climate change assessment:** Identify footprint and cost reductions, research benchmarking trends and forecast data estimates
- **Strategy:** Define vision, prioritize goals and outline roadmap
- **Implementation:** Formalize policies, engage stakeholders and integrate with business

¹ “Do patients care about sustainability?” <http://betterbusiness.torkusa.com/sustainable-hospitals-healthcare/>

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Why invest in sustainability during and after the COVID-19 pandemic?

- **Cost savings:** Addressing the low-hanging fruit opportunities such as energy and water savings, waste reduction, and purchasing consolidations often lead to cost savings.
- **Supply chain:** Reevaluating your supply chain and creating two-way partnerships/relationships with your vendors helps hedge against supply risks and may reduce costs.
- **Equitable health:** Health disparities, particularly among minority and low-income populations, have become more exposed than ever. Investing in actions that reduce the effects of climate change have a direct impact on the health of the communities you operate in.
- **Employees:** Engaging employees in your sustainability vision and goals enhances overall satisfaction levels by providing a platform for innovation and a higher sense of responsibility and ownership in day-to-day operations.
- **Resiliency:** Investing in sustainable health care now can improve your hospital's resiliency in responding to crises through more effective decision-making, efficient operations, and stronger supply chains.
- **Rebuilding:** Given the widespread disruption COVID-19 has had on operations and supply chains, going back to business as usual is not an option. Addressing sustainability now in all facets of your hospital can help re-position you better than before with higher efficiency and more resiliency.

What has COVID-19 taught us about addressing climate change?

- **Acting boldly and comprehensively** in response to global challenges is important and possible.
- **Efficient, effective and equitable use of limited financial resources** is necessary, and it is imperative to build these decision-making factors into policy so when the time comes, hospitals can act quickly.
- **Systemic and structural changes** are urgently needed to build community resiliency and ensure the health and economic well-being of all people, especially people of color and low-income communities.
- **The power of collective action**, sharing resources, data, and best practices as well as basing decisions on the latest science do work, and it is how we will reduce the impacts of climate change.



To learn more about Vizient Environmentally Preferred Advisory Solutions, contact eps@vizientinc.com.

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