

Spend Management Visionary honors

2026 overview

“Our inaugural year demonstrated the transformational impact strong spend management leadership can have across healthcare. I encourage organizations driving meaningful change to share their story and participate in the 2026 nominations.” —Dan Kistner, PharmD, Chief Clinical Officer, Vizient

Advancing spend management excellence

The Vizient Spend Management Visionary honors recognizes provider clients who demonstrate measurable excellence in sourcing, pharmacy, ambulatory practice and enterprise leadership.

For 2026, Vizient will recognize organizations and leaders whose strategic partnership and innovation are shaping the future of healthcare performance.

Purpose of the recognition

Advancing spend management practice standards requires agility, foresight and resilience. The Spend Management Visionary designation highlights organizations and leaders transforming healthcare through

- Strategic action
- Measurable outcomes
- Cross-functional collaboration
- Enterprise-level impact

Recognition categories

Nomination-based recognitions

Nominations accepted through April 30 via [online portal](#) in four recognition categories. Learn more on our [online portal](#).

Metrics-based recognitions

No submission required. Honorees identified through performance data.

Recognition experience

Honorees will be:

- Celebrated with a reception and trophy at the Vizient Connections Summit in September
- Featured across Vizient and industry channels
- Provided tools to promote recognition internally and externally

Join the next class of visionaries

The [Class of 2025](#) set the standard. Now we're building the 2026 cohort. This is your opportunity to elevate the leaders who are shaping the future of spend management.

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What's new in 2026

- Winners notified earlier
- A bigger celebration during Summit
- Enhanced storytelling and recognition visibility

How honorees are selected

Nomination-based recognitions

- Submissions accepted from provider clients and Vizient staff
- Self-nominations encouraged
- Single nominator may submit multiple nominations
- Submissions anonymized prior to review and selection

Metrics-based recognitions

- Identified through comprehensive Vizient data analysis
- Evaluated for contract compliance, value optimization and analytics utilization
- Reflects measurable performance improvement
- No client action required