

# Spend Management Visionary honors



## A word of welcome from our chief clinical officer

To our provider clients,

In 2025, we launched the Vizient Spend Management Visionary honors with a clear purpose: to recognize the leaders and teams who are transforming healthcare through strategic, disciplined and forward-thinking spend management.

What we witnessed in our inaugural year exceeded even our highest expectations.

Across the country, organizations stepped forward to share powerful examples of innovation, collaboration and measurable impact. From supply chain resilience and pharmacy stewardship to enterprise alignment and executive leadership, our honorees demonstrated what's possible when clinical excellence and financial performance move forward together.

These were not incremental improvements. They were transformational efforts; initiatives that strengthened operations, advanced patient care and elevated the standard for our entire industry.

The success of our first year affirmed something we have long believed: extraordinary work in spend management deserves to be celebrated. While much of this work happens behind the scenes, its impact is visible in stronger margins, improved access, enhanced quality and greater sustainability for the communities you serve.

As we look ahead to 2026, we are energized by the momentum we've built together. We will continue to expand awareness of these honors, deepen engagement across practice areas and spotlight the stories that inspire others to think differently about what spend management can achieve.

The Spend Management Visionary honors are more than recognition, they are a platform for sharing best practices, advancing performance and shaping the future of healthcare delivery.

If your organization is leading meaningful change, I encourage you to participate in the 2026 nomination cycle by sharing your story or recognizing your peers through our [nomination portal](#). Help us continue building a community of visionary leaders who are redefining excellence.

On behalf of Vizient, thank you for your partnership and for the leadership you demonstrate every day. Together, we are making healthcare's best even better.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Kistner". The signature is stylized and fluid.

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