

Spend Management Visionary honors

2026 overview of nomination categories

Advancing spend management requires not only performance, but leadership and innovation. The Spend Management Visionary designation highlights provider clients who:

- Demonstrate sustained strategic partnership
- Deliver measurable financial, operational or clinical improvement
- Contribute innovative approaches benefiting the broader Vizient community

Honorees represent a broad array of provider client demographics, spend categories and engagement. Depending on the recognition category, honorees may be an individual or a group.

Nomination-based recognitions

Evaluation criteria and selection process

Nominations are accepted through April 30 via the online [portal](#). Submissions should be based on initiatives or achievements occurring within the past 12–18 months. The intent is to recognize recent impact and ongoing performance excellence.

Submissions are evaluated based on several factors including but not limited to:

- Originality and innovation
- Significance and enterprise reach of accomplishments
- Measurable patient, system, organizational or financial outcomes
- Strength of collaboration
- Rigor of methods used

Following submission:

- Identifying information is redacted.
- Eligibility review is completed.
- Honorees are selected via a rigorous committee process.

Executive Leadership Visionary – Chief Pharmacy Officer

Definition: a senior pharmacy executive whose enterprise authority and leadership have driven system-wide transformation. This leader has also elevated pharmacy from an operational function to a strategic pillar of enterprise performance through governance integration, operating model redesign and measurable financial, operational and clinical impact that is sustained and scalable across the enterprise.

Qualifications: The nominee must demonstrate

- Executive-level authority with oversight spanning multiple hospitals, care sites, service lines or markets
- Enterprise-wide impact across financial, operational and/or clinical domains
- Formal integration of pharmacy into system strategy, capital planning, executive governance or performance management structures
- Measurable outcomes sustained over time and scalable across the organization
- Influence extending beyond pharmacy operations to enterprise strategy and cross-functional leadership

Executive Leadership Visionary – Chief Supply Chain Officer

Definition: a senior supply chain executive whose enterprise authority and leadership have driven system-wide transformation. This leader has also elevated supply chain from an operational function to a strategic pillar of enterprise performance through governance integration, operating model redesign and measurable financial, operational and resiliency outcomes that are sustained and scalable across the enterprise.

Qualification: The nominee must demonstrate

- Executive-level authority (system chief supply chain officer or equivalent) with oversight spanning multiple hospitals, care sites, markets or business units
- Enterprise-wide impact across financial, operational and/or resiliency domains
- Formal integration of supply chain into system strategy, capital planning, executive governance or performance management structures
- Measurable outcomes sustained over time and scalable across the organization
- Influence extending beyond supply operations to enterprise strategy and cross-functional leadership

Innovation Visionary

Definition: a client leader(s) who implemented a transformative innovation that materially elevated enterprise performance, operational capability or care delivery across the organization. This recognition celebrates innovation that moves beyond incremental improvement, redefining processes, models or infrastructure in ways that produce measurable, scalable and sustained impact across multiple levels of the organization.

Qualification: The nominee must demonstrate

- Innovation that impacted multiple departments, service lines, care sites or facilities within the organization
- Measurable improvement across financial, operational and/or clinical domains
- Clear differentiation from standard or commonly adopted practices
- Evidence that the innovation has been sustained and embedded into organizational workflows
- Demonstrated scalability across the enterprise or potential for broader replication

Spend Management Visionary of the Year

Definition: a provider client senior leader that has driven enterprise-level transformation resulting in measurable, system-wide impact that also advances profitable growth, care delivery excellence, financial sustainability and a people-centered culture through strategic initiatives that redesign enterprise structures, governance or operating models and deliver sustained, scalable outcomes across the organization.

Qualification:

- Demonstrates enterprise-level transformation led by a senior executive with authority to implement system-wide change.
- Provides clear qualitative and quantitative evidence of the scope and nature of the transformation across multiple hospitals, service lines or business units, the enterprise structures, governance models, operating processes and/or system behaviors that were redesigned, and the nominee’s executive authority and role in driving and sustaining change.
- Includes measurable financial, operational, or clinical outcomes realized across the organization
- Evidence that the change has been sustained, is embedded into governance and is scalable across the system

 To learn more about the Vizient Spend Management Visionary honors, please contact us at visionaryhonors@vizientinc.com.

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