

Pledge Form for Healthcare Sector Stakeholder Event

Climate change represents a major threat to human health in the coming century with particularly acute impacts for people that have been marginalized around the world and across the United States.¹ Stakeholders in the U.S. health care system – including hospitals, health systems, payers, suppliers and pharmaceutical companies - must lead the response to this crisis through their example and through preparedness to meet the catastrophic and chronic challenges to come. We must rapidly develop approaches to care that meet the climate health needs of disproportionately affected patients and families, and we must just as rapidly reduce our contributions to the greenhouse gas emissions that are threatening life on the planet.

As such, our organization makes the following commitments on behalf of the health and well-being of people today and future generations. We voluntarily pledge to:

1. *At minimum*, reduce organizational emissions by 50% by 2030 (from a baseline no earlier than 2008) and achieve net-zero by 2050, publicly accounting for progress on this goal every year.
 - a) Share publicly our strategies for reducing on-site emissions (where relevant addressing sources related to on-site energy usage, waste anesthetic gases, vehicle fleets and refrigerants).
2. Designate an executive-level lead for our work on reducing emissions by 2023 and conduct an inventory of Scope 3 (supply chain) emissions by the end of 2024.
3. Develop and release a climate resilience plan for continuous operations by the end of 2023, anticipating the needs of groups in our community that experience disproportionate risk of climate-related harm.

These commitments are largely consistent with the commitments of federal government health systems as outlined in Executive Order 14057 and we will gladly join in a public-private collaboration to share learning in pursuit of these goals.

(Space to share additional commitments, activities and achievements follows on the next page.)

Organization name:

Date:

Organizational contact name:

Organizational contact email address:

¹ Atwoli, L, Banqui A, Benfield T, et al. (2021). Call for emergency action to limit global temperature increases, restore biodiversity, and protect health. *Lancet*, 398(10304):939-41.

Additional organizational clarifications (e.g., baseline year, if possible, for first element of pledge), commitments, activities and achievements of note:

Vizient is the nation's leading health care performance improvement company serving more than half of the health care organizations in the United States — including 97% of the nation's academic medical centers and more than 20% of ambulatory care providers. We support our members through strategic growth, operations and quality, supply chain and pharmacy solutions. Together, our members represent more than \$130 billion in 2021 purchasing volume. We are proud to sign this climate pledge, and have already laid a strong foundation toward the pledge's three commitments.

Please see additional information on the attached page. You may also contact Shoshana Krilow at shoshana.krilow@vizientinc.com; 202-354-2607

Materiality Assessments: Every three to five years, Vizient maps the issues that matter most to key internal and external stakeholders. In 2021, we engaged an independent advisory group to interview a cross-section of our team, members, suppliers and external thought leaders. Our material issues intersect with climate, equity and health.

ESG Reporting: For the past 11 years, Vizient has issued its annual [Corporate Responsibility Report](#) using the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) guidelines. This year, for our 2022 Report (to be published in May), we are also reporting to the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) Standards. We align our efforts against the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to support: 3) good health and wellbeing, 5) gender equality, 8) decent work and economic growth, 10) reduced inequality, 11) sustainable cities and communities, 12) responsible consumption and production and 13) climate action.

TCFD Issues Brief: We led the development of health care's first Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) Issues Brief in 2021. It included scenario mapping of our specific physical and transitional risks and opportunities around climate, and assesses the potential impact of climate change on the U.S. health care sector based on two scenarios — a global temperature rise of 2 and 4 degrees Celsius. For each, we charted the radical transformations necessary within sourcing, energy, food, water and land. We considered supply chain implications for our members, incorporating lessons from recent COVID-driven disruptions. These findings, overlaid with our robust supply chain data, will serve as the foundation for our climate adaptation and resiliency plans. Our TCFD Issues Brief has been shared with industry peers (like the National Academy of Medicine) to support further dialogue, exploration and action.

Environmentally Preferred Sourcing (EPS): Vizient provides the necessary framework for our members to implement and maintain an environmentally preferable purchasing program. With more than 450,000 contracted products, we offer the broadest, most cost-effective portfolio of environmentally preferred (EP) products in the industry. Vizient collaborated with our Environmental Advisory Council to standardize 23 EP product attributes, which have been adopted by others within the industry as the definition of what it means to be sustainable. We incorporate a standardized EP attribute collection into our request for proposal process so we can gather and add these attributes to our data system. Members can see these attributes during any product search. Our analytics resources help members use their spend data to make informed decisions that improve sustainability.

2030 Targets: We have been working to develop specific ESG targets for 2030, including science-based greenhouse gas emissions targets.

Governance: Corporate responsibility and environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues are led by our dedicated Senior Director of Social Responsibility. With executive sponsorship from our Chief People Officer, we also have established an ESG Steering Committee with further oversight from our C-Suite Leadership and CEO. Our Corporate Responsibility Report goes to Vizient's Board of Directors for review.