

September 7, 2022

The Honorable Roger Marshall
U.S Senate
479A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kyrsten Sinema
U.S. Senate
317 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Thune
U.S. Senate
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Sherrod Brown
U.S. Senate
503 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Sinema, Marshall, Thune and Brown,

On behalf of Vizient, Inc., and the health care provider members we serve, I am pleased to offer our endorsement for [S.3018](#), the Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act of 2021.

[Vizient, Inc.](#) is the nation's largest health care performance improvement company. We provide solutions and services that improve the delivery of high-value care by aligning cost, quality and market performance for more than half of the nation's health care providers. Vizient provides expertise, analytics, advisory services, and a contract portfolio representing more than \$130 billion in annual member purchasing volume, to improve patient outcomes and lower costs.

Your important bipartisan legislation would offer concrete solutions to ease provider burden and improve the Medicare Advantage (MA) prior authorization (PA) process through firm timelines and enhanced electronic approval processes. Encouraging the adoption of electronic prior authorization technical standards has the potential to streamline and improve the PA process for all stakeholders, specifically by reducing the administrative burden taken on by providers. In addition, by adopting a minimum time frame for MA plans to make these prior authorization decisions, providers will be able to reduce delays and help patients get quicker access to treatment.

On top of these changes, your legislation would also require public reporting of the use and rate of approvals and denials in MA to provide greater insight into the use of the PA process. This transparency would allow for more streamlined communication between MA plans, health care providers and patients.

We are pleased to offer our support for your legislation and are grateful for the additional support that Congress continues to provide for rural community hospitals. Thank you for your leadership on this important legislation. Please contact me at shoshana.krillow@vizientinc.com or (202) 354-2607 if you have any questions or if there is any way we can be of assistance in getting this important legislation signed into law.

Sincerely,



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Senior Vice President, Public Policy & Government Relations

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The Honorable Suzan DelBene
U.S. House of Representatives
2330 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Kelly
U.S. House of Representatives
1707 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Ami Bera
U.S. House of Representatives
172 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Larry Bucshon
U.S. House of Representatives
2313 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives DelBene, Kelly, Bera and Bucshon

On behalf of Vizient, Inc., and the health care provider members we serve, I am pleased to offer our endorsement for [H.R.3173](#), the Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act of 2021.

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