

Top Performers: Sustainability Excellence

Award criteria

The Vizient Sustainability Excellence award recognizes healthcare organizations demonstrating outstanding commitment to sustainability and environmentally preferred purchasing. Award rankings are based on two key components:

- **Sustainability Program Maturity**
Evaluation includes the presence of a formal sustainability program, enterprise-level goals and objectives, and an appointed sustainability leader guiding the organization's efforts.
- **Environmentally Preferred Purchasing (EPP)**
Assessed by the percentage of Vizient spend on products that meet Vizient's Environmentally Preferred Purchasing Standard. To qualify as "optimal," products must meet all Vizient-identified chemical safety attributes and at least two waste reduction attributes.

This two-part assessment recognizes organizations that are both strategically committed to sustainability and actively driving impact through sustainable purchasing.

Award cohorts

Comprehensive Academic Medical Centers

that perform a minimum of:

- 25 solid organ transplants
- 600 trauma cases or 1,500 acute transfers in from another acute care facility
- 125 combined cardiothoracic and neurosurgery cases

Large, Specialized Complex Care

Medical Centers that perform a minimum of 75 combined cardiothoracic and neurosurgery cases and one of the following:

- 25 solid organ transplants
- 600 trauma cases
- 1,500 acute transfers in from another acute facility

Complex Care Medical Centers

- Hospitals not meeting the above criteria but performing between 25 and 75 combined cardiothoracic and neurosurgery cases in a year

Community hospitals

- Not in the previous described categories and excluding Critical Access & Specialty Hospitals
- At least 450 inpatient surgical cases annually

Small Community Hospitals

- Not in the previous described categories and excluding Critical Access & Specialty Hospitals
- Less than 450 inpatient surgical cases annually

Critical Access Hospitals

- Meet the Medicare Conditions of Participation (CoP) listed in the Code of Federal Regulations at 42 CFR 485 subpart F and whose most distinguishing feature is no more than 25 inpatient beds and annual average length of stay of 96-hours

Pediatric

- Cares for at least 250 high-acuity medical neonates annually and receives more patients transferred in for care than it transfers out, by a margin of more than 5%
- Performs at least 50 major surgeries on neonates annually