

April 13, 2020

Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate

Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate

Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives

Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Congressional Leaders:

We greatly appreciate your leadership in this time of national crisis and thank you for your quick actions to strengthen America's health care infrastructure with desperately needed financial support. The expanded accelerated payment policy for Medicare providers is an extremely helpful approach that allows us to maintain essential medical services for all patients. As you know, our hospitals have canceled tens-of-thousands of elective surgeries and non-emergent patient tests at the government's request to help assure there is adequate hospital capacity during the epidemic. This major shift has put some of America's hospitals on the brink of financial disaster.

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General report released April 6 (Hospital Experiences Responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Results of a National Pulse Survey March 23-27, 2020) found that substantial financial assistance is a top priority for all hospitals as we struggle to maintain services to the communities we serve.

**We write to you today respectfully requesting that Congress forgive all accelerated payments that hospitals and other providers receive**, as authorized in Section 3179 of the CARES Act. We ask you to include this policy change in the next COVID-19 relief legislation. While this change may still not provide enough financial support to hospitals, the situation can be re-evaluated as the course of the epidemic becomes more certain.

Unless these loans are forgiven, hospitals will be facing another financial crisis just four months from now as the government begins to withhold Medicare payments for services provided after the pandemic fades and until the loans are repaid. While the \$100 billion provider grant program, designed to provide support to all providers, will be helpful, we believe it will be woefully inadequate to compensate for our mounting losses. Without substantially more financial support, it is nearly certain that many hospitals will be forced to close or significantly reduce health care services over the next several months – and perhaps longer. This would be a tragic consequence, especially if the nation is hit with another round of the viral epidemic later this year.

Thank you for considering this request. We stand ready to work with you in every way to support our men and women on the frontline caring for those with the coronavirus. These heroes need to know that the nation will provide whatever it takes to assure they will have the resources to continue the battle.

Sincerely,

## **Health Systems**

Adena Health System  
Ohio

AdventHealth  
Florida

Adventist HealthCare  
Maryland

Allina Health  
Minnesota

Appalachian Regional Healthcare  
Kentucky

Atrium Health  
North Carolina, Georgia

Aultman Health Foundation  
Ohio

Avita Health System  
Ohio

Baptist Health  
Kentucky

Baylor Scott & White Health  
Texas

CentraCare  
Minnesota

Centura Health  
Colorado, Kansas

CHRISTUS Health  
Texas

Genesis Healthcare System  
Ohio

Hackensack Meridian Health  
New Jersey

HealthPartners  
Minnesota

Henry Ford Health System  
Michigan

Kettering Health Network  
Ohio

Lake Health  
Ohio

Legacy Health  
Oregon

Loma Linda Health Network  
California

MaineHealth  
Maine

Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare  
Tennessee

Norton Healthcare  
Kentucky

Ochsner Health  
Louisiana

Oregon Health & Science University  
Oregon

OSF Healthcare  
Illinois

Parkview Health  
Indiana

PeaceHealth  
Washington

Piedmont Healthcare  
Georgia

Presbyterian Healthcare Services  
New Mexico

ProMedica  
Ohio

Providence St. Joseph Health  
Washington

Salem Health Hospitals and Clinics  
Oregon

Samaritan Health Services  
Oregon

Sanford Health  
South Dakota

Sisters of Charity Health System  
Ohio

St. Elizabeth Healthcare  
Kentucky

The Queens Health Systems  
Hawaii

Trinity Health  
North Dakota

## **Critical Access Hospitals**

### **Alaska**

Central Peninsula Hospital

### **Arizona**

White Mountain Regional Medical Center

Wickenburg Community Hospital

### **Arkansas**

Piggott Community Hospital

Drew Memorial Health System

Ozarks Community Hospital

Howard Memorial Hospital

### **California**

Healdsburg District Hospital

Tahoe Forest Health System

Northern Inyo Healthcare District

John C. Fremont Healthcare District

Catalina Island Medical Center

### **Colorado**

Haxtun Hospital District

Kiowa County Health District

Lincoln Community Hospital

Sedgwick County Health Center

Middle Park Medical Center

Middle Park Health

Memorial Regional Health

Wray Community District Hospital

Wray Hospital & Clinics

Kit Carson County Hospital Memorial Hospital

Keefe Memorial Hospital

Yuma District Healthcare

Melissa Memorial Hospital

Southwest Health System, Inc.

Southeast Colorado Hospital District

Heart of The Rockies Regional Medical Center

Prowers Medical Center

Aspen Valley Hospital

Community Hospital

Delta County Memorial Hospital

Estes Park Health

Family Health West

Grand River Health

Gunnison Valley Health

Mind Springs Health / West Springs Hospital

Montrose Memorial Hospital

Pagosa Springs Medical Center

Pioneers Medical Center

Rangely District Hospital

Rio Grande Hospital & Clinics

San Luis Valley Health

St. Mary's Medical Center (SCL Health)

Southwest Health System

St. Vincent Hospital

Telluride Regional Medical Center

Vail Health

Valley View

Mt San Raphael Hospital

### **Georgia**

Putnam General Hospital

Screven County Hospital

Tattnall Hospital

### **Idaho**

Syringa Hospital & Clinics

Bingham Memorial Hospital

Steele Memorial Medical Center

Gritman Medical Center

### **Illinois**

Perry Memorial Hospital

Massac Memorial Hospital

Ferrell Hospital Community Foundation

### **Indiana**

Henry Community Health

### **Iowa**

Compass Memorial Healthcare

Clark County Hospital

Humboldt County Memorial Hospital

Regional Medical Center

Buchanan County Health Center

Lucas County Health Center

Knoxville Hospital and Clinics

Shenandoah Medical Center

Monroe County Hospital & Clinics

Davis County Hospital and Clinics

Avera Merrill Pioneer Hospital

Greater Regional Health

MahaskaHealth

### **Kansas**

Sabetha Community Hospital

Mitchell County Hospital Health Systems

Stanton County Hospital

Nemaha Valley Community Hospital  
Holton Community Hospital  
Hanover Hospital  
Rawlins County Health Center  
Goodland Regional Medical Center  
Minneola Healthcare  
Edwards County Medical Center  
Community Memorial Health, Inc  
Newman Regional Health  
Hiawatha Community Hospital

### **Kentucky**

Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services, Inc.  
Carroll County Memorial Hospital

### **Louisiana**

Union General Hospital

### **Maine**

Down East Community Hospital  
LincolnHealth

### **Minnesota**

Cuyuna Regional Medical Center  
RiverView Health  
North Shore Health  
Carris Health Redwood  
Swift County Benson Health Services  
Kittson Healthcare  
Pipestone County Medical Center Avera  
Tri-County Health Care

### **Michigan**

Harbor Beach Community Hospital  
Hills & Dales General Hospital

### **Mississippi**

Perry County General Hospital  
Tyler Holmes Memorial Hospital  
North Sunflower Medical Center  
Greene County Hospital  
Covington County Hospital  
Magee General Hospital  
Memorial Hospital at Gulfport

### **Missouri**

Ray County Memorial Hospital

### **Montana**

Central Montana Medical Center

Glendive Medical Center  
Roosevelt Medical Center

### **Nebraska**

Kearney County Health Services  
Community Hospital  
Osmond General Hospital  
Niobrara Valley Hospital  
Brodstone Memorial Hospital  
Antelope Memorial Hospital  
Fillmore County Hospital  
Johnson County Hospital  
Howard County Medical Center  
Lexington Regional Health Center  
Gordon Memorial Hospital District  
Franklin County Memorial Hospital  
Nemaha County Hospital  
Phelps Memorial Health Center  
Fillmore County Hospital  
Gordon Memorial Hospital District  
Chase County Community Hospital  
Morrill County Community Hospital  
Bryan Merrick Medical Center

### **New Hampshire**

Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital

### **New York**

Erie County Medical Center

### **North Carolina**

Charles A Cannon Jr Memorial Hospital

### **North Dakota**

Ashley Medical Center

### **Ohio**

Aultman Orrville Hospital  
Wyandot Memorial Hospital  
Adena Greenfield Medical Center  
Hocking Valley Community Hospital  
Bucyrus Community Hospital  
Galion Community Hospital  
Morrow County Hospital  
Hardin Memorial Hospital  
Shelby Memorial Hospital

### **Oklahoma**

Cimarron Memorial Hospital and RHC

**Oregon**

Morrow County Health District/Pioneer  
Memorial Hospital  
Lake Health District

**South Dakota**

Avera Gregory Hospital and Rosebud Country Care  
Center  
Avera Hand County Memorial Hospital  
Winner Regional Health  
Fall River Health Services

**Tennessee**

Claiborne County Medical Center

**Texas**

Cogdell Memorial Hospital  
Hardeman County Memorial Hospital  
Palacios Community Medical Center  
Wilbarger General Hospital

**Utah**

Central Valley Medical Center  
Moab Regional Hospital

**Washington**

Pullman Regional Hospital  
Mid-Valley Hospital & Clinic  
Three Rivers Hospital  
North Valley Hospital  
Tri-State Memorial Hospital & Medical Campus  
Lincoln Hospital and Clinics

**Specialty Hospitals**

Animas Surgical Hospital  
Colorado

Arizona Spine & Joint Hospital  
Arizona

Craig Hospital  
Colorado

Gaylord Hospital  
Connecticut

Oak Leaf Surgical Hospital  
Wisconsin

Lafayette Surgical Hospital  
Louisiana

**West Virginia**

Mon Health Medical Center  
Roane General Hospital

**Wisconsin**

Burnett Medical Center  
Ladd Memorial Hospital, Inc  
Memorial Medical Center  
St. Croix Regional Medical Center  
Western Wisconsin Health

**Wyoming**

Wyoming Hospital Association  
South Big Horn County Hospital District  
Powell Valley Healthcare  
Cody Regional Health  
St. John's Health  
North Big Horn Hospital District  
Memorial Hospital of Carbon County  
Summit Medical Center  
Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County  
Weston County Health Services  
Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital  
Johnson County Healthcare Center  
South Lincoln Hospital District  
Cheyenne Regional Medical Center  
Crook County Medical Services District  
Wyoming Medical Center  
Ivinson Memorial Hospital

North Carolina Specialty Hospital  
North Carolina

Northwest Specialty Hospital  
Idaho

South Texas Surgical Hospital  
Texas

South Texas Spine & Surgical Hospital  
Texas

The Physicians Centre Hospital  
Texas

**Independent and/or PPS Hospitals**

George Regional Hospital  
Mississippi

Great Falls Clinic Hospital  
Montana

Grove Creek Medical Center  
Idaho

Hardin Memorial Hospital  
Kentucky

Idaho Falls Community Hospital  
Idaho

Lubbock Heart & Surgical Hospital  
Texas

Mountain View Hospital  
Idaho

Physicians Medical Center  
Louisiana

Pomerene Hospital  
Ohio

Salem Regional Medical Center  
Ohio

Southern Ohio Medical Center  
Ohio

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