

April 23, 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 3719 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 [61]**

Adena Health System  
Ohio

AdventHealth  
Florida

Adventist Health  
California

Adventist HealthCare  
Maryland

Advocate Aurora Health  
Illinois, Wisconsin

Allied Services Integrated Health System  
Pennsylvania

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

Bon Secours Mercy Health  
Ohio, New York, S. Carolina

Cass County Health System  
Iowa

CentraCare  
Minnesota

Centura Health  
Colorado, Kansas

ChristianaCare  
Delaware

CHRISTUS Health  
Texas

Commonwealth Health  
Pennsylvania

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health  
New Hampshire, Vermont

Emory Healthcare  
Georgia

Genesis Healthcare System  
Ohio

Hackensack Meridian Health  
New Jersey

HealthPartners  
Minnesota

Henry Ford Health System  
Michigan

Kettering Health Network  
Ohio

Lake Health  
Ohio

Lakeland Regional Health  
Florida

Lehigh Valley Health Network  
Pennsylvania

Legacy Health  
Oregon

Licking Memorial Health Systems  
Ohio

Loma Linda Health Network  
California

MaineHealth  
Maine

Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare  
Tennessee

Munson Healthcare  
Michigan

North Memorial Health  
Minnesota

Norton Healthcare

Kentucky

Ochsner Health  
Louisiana

One Brooklyn Health System  
New York

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

RWJBarnabas Health  
New Jersey

**Critical Access Hospitals [242]**

**Alaska**

Central Peninsula Hospital

**Arizona**

Copper Queen Community Hospital  
White Mountain Regional Medical Center  
Wickenburg Community Hospital

**Arkansas**

Dallas County Medical Center  
Drew Memorial Health System  
Howard Memorial Hospital  
Ozarks Community Hospital  
Piggott Community Hospital

**California**

Catalina Island Medical Center  
Healdsburg District Hospital

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

UnityPoint Health  
Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin

University Hospitals Health System  
Ohio

University of Rochester Medical Center  
New York

UT Health East Texas  
Texas

Vidant Health  
North Carolina

John C. Fremont Healthcare District  
Northern Inyo Healthcare District  
Tahoe Forest Health System

**Colorado**

Arkansas Valley Regional Medical Center  
Aspen Valley Hospital  
Community Hospital  
Delta County Memorial Hospital  
Estes Park Health  
Family Health West  
Grand River Health  
Gunnison Valley Health  
Haxtun Hospital District  
Heart of The Rockies Regional Medical Center  
Keefe Memorial Hospital  
Kiowa County Health District

Kit Carson County Hospital Memorial Hospital  
Lincoln Community Hospital  
Melissa Memorial Hospital  
Memorial Regional Health  
Middle Park Health  
Middle Park Medical Center  
Mind Springs Health / West Springs Hospital  
Montrose Memorial Hospital  
Mt San Raphael Hospital  
Pagosa Springs Medical Center  
Pioneers Medical Center  
Prowers Medical Center  
Rangely District Hospital  
Rio Grande Hospital & Clinics  
San Luis Valley Health  
Sedgwick County Health Center  
Southeast Colorado Hospital District  
Southwest Health System  
Southwest Health System, Inc.  
St. Mary's Medical Center (SCL Health)  
St. Vincent Hospital  
Telluride Regional Medical Center  
Vail Health  
Valley View  
Wray Community District Hospital  
Wray Hospital & Clinics  
Yuma District Healthcare

#### **Florida**

George E. Weems Memorial Hospital

#### **Georgia**

Putnam General Hospital  
Screven County Hospital  
Tattnall Hospital

#### **Idaho**

Bingham Memorial Hospital  
Gritman Medical Center  
Power County Hospital District  
Steele Memorial Medical Center  
Syringa Hospital & Clinics

#### **Illinois**

Ferrell Hospital Community Foundation  
Massac Memorial Hospital  
Perry Memorial Hospital

#### **Indiana**

Woodlawn Hospital

#### **Iowa**

Avera Merrill Pioneer Hospital  
Buchanan County Health Center  
Buena Vista Regional Medical Center

Clark County Hospital  
Community Memorial Hospital  
Compass Memorial Healthcare  
Davis County Hospital and Clinics  
Greater Regional Health  
Greene County Medical Center  
Guthrie County Hospital  
Hawarden Regional Healthcare  
Hegg Memorial Health Center Avera  
Humboldt County Memorial Hospital  
Knoxville Hospital and Clinics  
Loring Hospital  
Lucas County Health Center  
MahaskaHealth  
Monroe County Hospital & Clinics  
Pocahontas Community Hospital  
Regional Medical Center  
Shenandoah Medical Center  
Sioux Center Health  
Stewart Memorial Community Hospital  
Virginia Gay Hospital  
Washington County Hospital

#### **Kansas**

Cheyenne County Hospital  
Clay County Medical Center  
Coffey Health System  
Community Memorial Health, Inc  
Edwards County Medical Center  
Goodland Regional Medical Center  
Hanover Hospital  
Hiawatha Community Hospital  
Holton Community Hospital  
Minneola Healthcare  
Mitchell County Hospital Health Systems  
Morris County Hospital  
Nemaha Valley Community Hospital  
Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center  
Newman Regional Health  
Phillips County Hospital  
Rawlins County Health Center  
Ringgold County Hospital  
Russell Regional Hospital  
Sabetha Community Hospital  
Stanton County Hospital  
Wichita County Health Center  
Wilson Medical Center

#### **Kentucky**

Caldwell Medical Center  
Carroll County Memorial Hospital  
Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services, Inc.  
Mercy Health – Marcum and Wallace Hospital  
Trigg County Hospital

**Louisiana**

Union General Hospital

**Massachusetts**

Fairview Hospital

Martha's Vineyard Hospital

**Maine**

Down East Community Hospital

LincolnHealth

**Minnesota**

Carris Health Redwood

Cuyuna Regional Medical Center

Kittson Healthcare

North Shore Health

Pipestone County Medical Center Avera

RiverView Health

Sleepy Eye Medical Center

Swift County Benson Health Services

Tri-County Health Care

**Michigan**

Harbor Beach Community Hospital

Hills & Dales General Hospital

**Mississippi**

Covington County Hospital

Franklin County Memorial Hospital

Greene County Hospital

Magee General Hospital

Memorial Hospital at Gulfport

North Sunflower Medical Center

Perry County General Hospital

Simpson General Hospital

Tippah County Hospital

Tyler Holmes Memorial Hospital

**Missouri**

Pike County Memorial Hospital

Ray County Memorial Hospital

**Montana**

Community Hospital of Anaconda

Central Montana Medical Center

Glendive Medical Center

Mineral Community Hospital

Roosevelt Medical Center

Sidney Health Center

**Nebraska**

Antelope Memorial Hospital

Brodstone Memorial Hospital

Bryan Merrick Medical Center

Chase County Community Hospital

Community Hospital

Fillmore County Hospital

Franklin County Memorial Hospital

Gordon Memorial Hospital District

Howard County Medical Center

Johnson County Hospital

Kearney County Health Services

Lexington Regional Health Center

Morrill County Community Hospital

Nemaha County Hospital

Niobrara Valley Hospital

Osmond General Hospital

Phelps Memorial Health Center

**New Hampshire**

Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital

**New York**

Community Memorial Hospital

Ellenville Regional Hospital

Erie County Medical Center

Orleans Community Health

**North Carolina**

Charles A Cannon Jr Memorial Hospital

**North Dakota**

Ashley Medical Center

**Ohio**

Adena Greenfield Medical Center

Aultman Orrville Hospital

Bucyrus Community Hospital

Fulton County Health Center

Galion Community Hospital

Hardin Memorial Hospital

Henry County Hospital

Hocking Valley Community Hospital

Mercy Health – Allen Hospital

Mercy – Urbana Hospital

Mercy Health – Willard Hospital

Morrow County Hospital

Shelby Memorial Hospital

Wyandot Memorial Hospital

**Oklahoma**

Cimarron Memorial Hospital and RHC

**Oregon**

Blue Mountain Hospital District

Lake Health District

Morrow County Health District/Pioneer Memorial Hospital

### **South Carolina**

Williamsburg Regional Hospital

### **South Dakota**

Avera Gregory Hospital and Rosebud Country Care Center

Avera Hand County Memorial Hospital

Fall River Health Services

Winner Regional Health

### **Tennessee**

Claiborne County Medical Center

### **Texas**

Cogdell Memorial Hospital

Hardeman County Memorial Hospital

Memorial Medical Center

Palacios Community Medical Center

Ward Memorial Hospital

Wilbarger General Hospital

### **Utah**

Beaver County Memorial Hospital

Central Valley Medical Center

Milford Memorial Hospital

Moab Regional Hospital

### **Virginia**

Rappahannock General Hospital

### **Washington**

Lincoln Hospital and Clinics

Mid-Valley Hospital & Clinic

North Valley Hospital

### **Specialty Hospitals [13]**

Animas Surgical Hospital

Colorado

Arizona Spine & Joint Hospital

Arizona

Craig Hospital

Colorado

Dallas Behavioral Healthcare Hospital

Texas

Gaylord Hospital

Connecticut

Prosser Memorial Health

Pullman Regional Hospital

Three Rivers Hospital

Tri-State Memorial Hospital & Medical Campus

### **West Virginia**

Grant Memorial Hospital

Mon Health Medical Center

Pocahontas Memorial Hospital

Roane General Hospital

### **Wisconsin**

Burnett Medical Center

Ladd Memorial Hospital, Inc

Memorial Medical Center

St. Croix Regional Medical Center

Western Wisconsin Health

### **Wyoming**

Cheyenne Regional Medical Center

Cody Regional Health

Crook County Medical Services District

Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital

Iverson Memorial Hospital

Johnson County Healthcare Center

Memorial Hospital of Carbon County

Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County

North Big Horn Hospital District

Powell Valley Healthcare

South Big Horn County Hospital District

South Lincoln Hospital District

St. John's Health

Summit Medical Center

Weston County Health Services

Wyoming Hospital Association

Wyoming Medical Center

Oak Leaf Surgical Hospital

Wisconsin

Oceans Healthcare

Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas

Lafayette Surgical Hospital

Louisiana

North Carolina Specialty Hospital

North Carolina

Northwest Specialty Hospital

Idaho

South Texas Surgical Hospital  
Texas

South Texas Spine & Surgical Hospital

**Independent and/or PPS Hospitals [33]**

Barton Health  
California

Blanchard Valley Health System  
Ohio

Bothwell Regional Health Center  
Missouri

Brownfield Regional Medical Center  
Texas

Community Hospitals & Wellness Centers  
Ohio

Freestone Medical Center  
Texas

George Regional Hospital  
Mississippi

Great Falls Clinic Hospital  
Montana

Grove Creek Medical Center  
Idaho

Hardin Memorial Hospital  
Kentucky

Henry Community Health  
Indiana

Idaho Falls Community Hospital  
Idaho

King's Daughters Medical Center  
Mississippi

Knox Community Hospital  
Ohio

Jasper General Hospital  
Mississippi

Lubbock Heart & Surgical Hospital

Texas

The Physicians Centre Hospital  
Texas

Texas

Mary Rutan Hospital  
Ohio

Mountain View Hospital  
Idaho

Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center  
New York

Olympia Medical Center  
California

Physicians Medical Center  
Louisiana

Pomerene Hospital  
Ohio

Rush Health Systems  
Mississippi, Alabama

Salem Regional Medical Center  
Ohio

Southeastern Health  
North Carolina

Southern Ohio Medical Center  
Ohio

St. Anthony Regional Hospital  
Iowa

St. Luke's Hospital  
Ohio

St. Rose Hospital  
California

Texas County Memorial Hospital  
Missouri

The Bellevue Hospital  
Ohio

Wilson N. Jones Medical Center  
Texas

Wood County Hospital  
Ohio

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