

May 5, 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 [75]**

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

AnMed Health System  
South Carolina

Appalachian Regional Healthcare  
Kentucky

Atrium Health  
North Carolina, Georgia

Aultman Health Foundation  
Ohio

Avera Health System  
South Dakota

Avita Health System  
Ohio

Baptist Health  
Kentucky

Baylor Scott & White Health  
Texas

Blanchard Valley Health System  
Ohio

Bon Secours Mercy Health  
Kentucky, New York, Ohio,  
South Carolina, Virginia

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

DHR Health  
Texas

Einstein Healthcare Network  
Pennsylvania

Emory Healthcare  
Georgia

Fairfield Medical Center  
Ohio

Genesis Healthcare System  
Ohio

Hackensack Meridian Health  
New Jersey

HealthPartners  
Minnesota

Henry Ford Health System  
Michigan

Jefferson Health  
New Jersey, Pennsylvania

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

Mon Health System  
West Virginia

Munson Healthcare  
Michigan

North Memorial Health  
Minnesota

Norton Healthcare  
Kentucky

NYU Langone Health  
New York

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

Premier Health  
Ohio

Presbyterian Healthcare Services  
New Mexico

ProMedica  
Ohio

Providence St. Joseph Health  
Washington

Renown Health  
Nevada

Riverside Health System  
Virginia

Rush Health Systems  
Alabama, Mississippi

RWJBarnabas Health  
New Jersey

Salem Health Hospitals and Clinics  
Oregon

Samaritan Health Services  
Oregon

Sanford Health  
South Dakota

Sisters of Charity Health System  
Ohio

St. Elizabeth Healthcare  
Kentucky

Summa Health  
Ohio

The Queens Health Systems  
Hawaii

Trinity Health  
Michigan, Connecticut, Illinois, Ohio, many others

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

WVU Medicine  
West Virginia

**Critical Access Hospitals [247]**

**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

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**

Boundary Community Hospital

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

Dallas County Hospital

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  
Kearny County Hospital  
Logan County 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  
Prosser Memorial Health  
Pullman Regional Hospital  
Skyline Hospital  
Three Rivers Hospital  
Tri-State Memorial Hospital & Medical Campus

**West Virginia**

Grant Memorial Hospital  
Pocahontas Memorial Hospital  
Roane General Hospital

**Wisconsin**

Burnett Medical Center  
Hayward Area Memorial Hospital & Water's Edge  
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  
Ivinson 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

**Specialty Hospitals [13]**

Animas Surgical Hospital  
Colorado

Arizona Spine & Joint Hospital  
Arizona

Craig Hospital  
Colorado

Dallas Behavioral Healthcare Hospital  
Texas

Gaylord Hospital  
Connecticut

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  
Texas

The Physicians Centre Hospital  
Texas

**Independent and/or PPS Hospitals [40]**

Barton Health  
California

Blount Memorial Hospital  
Tennessee

Bothwell Regional Health Center  
Missouri

Brownfield Regional Medical Center  
Texas

Community Hospitals & Wellness Centers  
Ohio

Ellis Hospital  
New York

Exeter Hospital  
New Hampshire

Freestone Medical Center  
Texas

Fisher Titus Medical Center  
Ohio

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

Kuakini Health System  
Hawaii

Jasper General Hospital  
Mississippi

Lubbock Heart & Surgical Hospital  
Texas

Madison Health  
Ohio

Mary Rutan Hospital  
Ohio

Mountain View Hospital  
Idaho

Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital  
Texas

Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center  
New York

Olympia Medical Center  
California

Olympic Medical Center  
Washington

Physicians Medical Center  
Louisiana

Pomerene Hospital  
Ohio

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

Tampa General Hospital  
Florida

Texas County Memorial Hospital  
Missouri

The Bellevue Hospital  
Ohio

Virginia Mason Medical Center  
Washington

Wilson N. Jones Medical Center  
Texas

Wood County Hospital  
Ohio

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