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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 $175 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 [78]

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

Edward-Elmhurst Health
Illinois

Einstein Healthcare Network
Pennsylvania

Emory Healthcare
Georgia

Fairfield Medical Center
Ohio

Genesis Healthcare System
Ohio

Hackensack Meridian Health
New Jersey

Hawai‘i Pacific Health
Hawaii

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

Penn Medicine
Pennsylvania

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 [248]

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
J Arthur Dosher 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 [15]

Animas Surgical Hospital
Colorado

Arizona Spine & Joint Hospital
Arizona

Craig Hospital
Colorado

Dallas Behavioral Healthcare Hospital
Texas

Iowa Specialty Hospital-Belmond
Iowa

Iowa Specialty Hospital-Clarion
Iowa

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 [43]

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

Middlesex Health
Connecticut

Montage Health
California

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

Val Verde Regional Medical Center
Texas

Virginia Mason Medical Center
Washington

Wilson N. Jones Medical Center
Texas

Wood County Hospital
Ohio

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