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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 soon be facing another financial crisis 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, has been 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 [99]**

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

Altru Health System  
North Dakota

AnMed Health System  
South Carolina

Appalachian Regional Healthcare  
Kentucky

Atrium Health  
North Carolina, Georgia

AtlantiCare Health System  
New Jersey

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

Bronson Healthcare Group  
Michigan  
Brooks-TLC Hospital System, Inc  
New York

Capital Health  
New Jersey

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

Davis Health System  
West Virginia

Delta Regional Medical Center  
Mississippi

DHR Health  
Texas

Edward-Elmhurst Health  
Illinois

Einstein Healthcare Network  
Pennsylvania

Emory Healthcare  
Georgia

Fairfield Medical Center  
Ohio

Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health  
System  
Louisiana, Mississippi

Garnet Health

New York

Genesis Healthcare System  
Ohio

Hackensack Meridian Health  
New Jersey

Hawai'i Pacific Health  
Hawaii

HealthPartners  
Minnesota

Henry Ford Health System  
Michigan

Inspira Health  
New Jersey

Jefferson Health  
New Jersey, Pennsylvania

Kettering Health Network  
Ohio

Lake Health  
Ohio

Lakeland Regional Health  
Florida

Lee Health  
Florida

Lehigh Valley Health Network  
Pennsylvania

Legacy Health  
Oregon

Licking Memorial Health Systems  
Ohio

Loma Linda Health Network  
California

MaineHealth  
Maine

Memorial Hospital at Gulfport  
Mississippi

Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare  
Tennessee

Mon Health System  
West Virginia

Montefiore Health System  
New York

Mount Carmel Health System  
Ohio

Munson Healthcare  
Michigan

Nebraska Medicine  
Nebraska

North Memorial Health  
Minnesota

Norton Healthcare  
Kentucky

NYU Langone Health  
New York

Ochsner Health  
Louisiana

OhioHealth  
Ohio

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

Saint Peter's Healthcare System  
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

SwedishAmerican Health System  
Illinois

The Queens Health Systems  
Hawaii

TMC HealthCare  
Arizona

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

UW Health  
Wisconsin

Vidant Health  
North Carolina

Virtua Health  
New Jersey

WVU Medicine  
West Virginia

### **Critical Access Hospitals [276]**

#### **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**

Candler County Hospital  
Clinch Memorial Hospital  
Elbert Memorial Hospital  
Jeff Davis Hospital  
Liberty Regional Medical Center  
Miller County Hospital  
Putnam General Hospital  
Screven County Hospital  
Tattnall Hospital

### **Idaho**

Bingham Memorial Hospital  
Boundary Community 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  
Pinckneyville Community Hospital

### **Indiana**

Pulaski Memorial Hospital  
Woodlawn Hospital

### **Iowa**

Adair County Health Center  
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  
Memorial Health System

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  
Smith County Memorial 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**

Reeves Memorial Medical Center  
Riverside Medical Center  
St. Helena Parish Hospital  
Union General Hospital

### **Massachusetts**

Fairview Hospital  
Martha's Vineyard Hospital

### **Maine**

Down East Community Hospital  
LincolnHealth  
Mount Desert Island Hospital

### **Minnesota**

Bigfork Valley Hospital  
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 South County  
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 Doshier Memorial Hospital  
St Luke's Hospital

**North Dakota**

Ashley Medical Center  
McKenzie County Healthcare System  
Unity Medical Center

**Ohio**

Adena Greenfield Medical Center  
Aultman Orrville Hospital  
Bucyrus Community Hospital  
Fayette County Memorial 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  
Harmon Memorial Hospital  
Fairview Regional Medical Center  
Share Medical Center

**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  
Mobridge Regional Hospital & Clinics  
Winner Regional Health

**Tennessee**

Claiborne County Medical Center

**Texas**

Cogdell Memorial Hospital  
Crosbyton Clinic Hospital  
Hardeman County Memorial Hospital  
Lynn County Hospital District  
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**

Lake Chelan Community Hospital  
Lincoln Hospital and Clinics  
Mid-Valley Hospital & Clinic  
North Valley Hospital  
Prosser Memorial Health  
Pullman Regional Hospital  
Skyline Hospital  
Three Rivers Hospital  
Snoqualmie Valley Hospital  
Tri-State Memorial Hospital & Medical Campus  
Whitman Hospital & Medical Center  
Willapa Harbor Hospital

**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

**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

**Independent and/or PPS Hospitals [68]**

Auburn Community Hospital  
New York

Baxter Regional Medical Center  
Arkansas

Barton Health  
California

Benson Hospital  
Arizona

Blount Memorial Hospital  
Tennessee

Bothwell Regional Health Center  
Missouri

Brownfield Regional Medical Center  
Texas

Community Hospitals & Wellness Centers  
Ohio

Claiborne Memorial Medical Center  
Louisiana

Comanche County Memorial Hospital

Wyoming Medical Center

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

Oklahoma

Ellis Hospital  
New York

Enloe Medical Center  
California

Exeter Hospital  
New Hampshire

Freestone Medical Center  
Texas

Fisher Titus Medical Center  
Ohio

George Regional Hospital  
Mississippi

Grand View Health  
Pennsylvania

Great Falls Clinic Hospital  
Montana

Grove Creek Medical Center  
Idaho

Hale County Hospital  
Alabama

Hardin Memorial Hospital  
Kentucky

Henry Community Health  
Indiana

Hillsdale Hospital  
Michigan

Hill Hospital of Sumter County  
Alabama

Idaho Falls Community Hospital  
Idaho

Illinois Valley Community Hospital  
Illinois

Jackson Hospital  
Florida

Jackson County Memorial Hospital  
Oklahoma

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 Greeley Medical Center  
Iowa

Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital  
Nebraska

Mary Rutan Hospital  
Ohio

Maimonides Medical Center  
New York

Mercer Health  
Ohio

Middlesex Health  
Connecticut

Montage Health  
California

Mountain View Hospital  
Idaho

Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital  
Texas

National Jewish Health  
Colorado

Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center  
New York

Olympia Medical Center  
California

Olympic Medical Center  
Washington

Pacifica Hospital of the Valley  
California

Parrish Medical Center  
Florida

Physicians Medical Center  
Louisiana

Pomerene Hospital  
Ohio

Salem Regional Medical Center  
Ohio

Shore Medical Center  
New Jersey

Sky Lakes Medical Center  
Oregon

Southeastern Health  
North Carolina

Southern Ohio Medical Center  
Ohio

St. Anthony Regional Hospital  
Iowa

St. Luke's Hospital  
Ohio

St. Rose Hospital  
California

St Vincent Charity Medical Center  
Ohio

Tampa General Hospital  
Florida

Texas County Memorial Hospital  
Missouri

The Bellevue Hospital  
Ohio

The Loretto Hospital  
Illinois

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center  
Pennsylvania

Val Verde Regional Medical Center  
Texas

Virginia Mason Medical Center  
Washington

Wagoner Community Hospital  
Oklahoma

Wilson N. Jones Medical Center  
Texas

Wood County Hospital  
Ohio

### **Additional Providers [4]**

California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives (CAADPE)  
California

Tarzana Treatment Centers Inc. (TTC)  
California

Shore Physicians Group  
New Jersey

Surgery Partners  
Nationwide

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