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## HEALTHCARE SUPPLY CHAIN ASSOCIATION (HSCA) ELECTS VIZIENT’S RICKI WILSON AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE FOR HEALTHCARE eSTANDARDS (CHeS)

*Vizient’s Director of Supply Chain Informatics Brings over 15 Years of Experience in Supply Chain Engagement and Data Standards Promotion to CHeS Leadership*

**Washington, DC (May 25, 2016)** – The Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA) today announced that Ricki Wilson, Director of Supply Chain Informatics at Vizient, Inc. has been elected Chairperson of the organization’s Committee for Healthcare eStandards (CHeS). As Chair, Wilson will play a leading role in guiding the work of CHeS to improve accuracy, efficiency, and safety across the healthcare supply chain through the application of electronic standards.

“Ricki Wilson’s deep experience ensuring acquisition, adoption, and utilization of healthcare data standards makes her uniquely qualified to serve as chairperson of CHeS, a group dedicated to spreading such ideals across the healthcare supply chain,” said Curt Miller, Executive Director of CHeS. “Her leadership will help CHeS further advance healthcare standards, which are improving the entire industry by opening up the ways manufacturers, providers, and patients communicate with one another.”

At Vizient, Wilson is responsible for leveraging data standards in the organization’s tools and databases to drive efficiencies in analytics and to connect supply and clinical data. Additionally, Wilson supports Vizient clients in their implementation of data standards within their organizations, and works with suppliers and distributors on transacting with data standards to gain efficiencies in procurement and inventory management. Wilson is active in many groups within the healthcare value chain including GS1 Industry Workgroups, the Association for Healthcare Resource & Materials Management Cost, Quality, and Outcomes (ARHMM CQO) Task Force, and the Health Industry Distributors Association (HIDA).

“HSCA and CHeS are committed to spreading comprehensive healthcare standards that will help make device, provider, and patient data accessible and interoperable across systems,” said HSCA President and CEO Todd Ebert, R.Ph. “We’re thrilled to welcome Ricki Wilson as the Chairperson of CHeS, and to draw upon her expertise to promote healthcare standards that will help providers, manufacturers, and distributors operate more efficiently. Everybody wins, especially patients, when all points of the healthcare supply chain are able to make critical decisions using the full spectrum of information, made possible through comprehensive standards adoption.”

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The guiding vision of CHeS is to accelerate the adoption, implementation, and active usage of industry-wide data standards for improving efficiencies throughout the healthcare supply chain. In support of the CHeS mission and vision, the committee focuses on the following goals:

- Serve as one united GPO voice on matters of healthcare supply chain standards and process improvements.
- Provide an open and neutral forum for industry-wide collaborative approach for healthcare supply chain participants.
- Endorse GS1 Healthcare standards to help accelerate industry-wide deployment of the standards and associated processes throughout the healthcare supply chain.
- Develop and recommend best practices where industry-wide standards could improve efficiencies throughout the healthcare supply chain.
- Define and lead in the development of new standards where existing standards or their absence are not meeting industry needs.

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#### **About the Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA)**

The Healthcare Supply Chain Association ([HSCA](http://www.supplychainassociation.org)) represents the nation's leading healthcare group purchasing organizations (GPOs), which are critical cost-savings partners to America's hospitals, nursing homes, nursing home pharmacies, clinics, home healthcare providers and surgery centers. GPOs deliver billions in savings annually to healthcare providers, Medicare and Medicaid, and taxpayers. HSCA and its member GPOs are committed to delivering the best products at the best value to healthcare providers, to increasing competition and innovation in the market, and to being supply chain leaders in transparency and accountability. For more information, visit [www.supplychainassociation.org](http://www.supplychainassociation.org). Follow HSCA on Twitter @HSCA.

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