

# Vizient MidSouth and Vizient Gulf States Finalize Agreement to Combine Operations

**07/02/2018, ATLANTA, Georgia**—Vizient MidSouth and Vizient Gulf States are now [Vizient Southern States](#). They announced their intention to combine operations on April 10, 2018, and finalized the close of the agreement on June 30, 2018.

[William P. Senneff](#) will serve as the new company's president and CEO. [James R. Davis](#), president and CEO of University Health Care System in Augusta, Georgia, will serve as the Vizient Southern States' chair of the board of directors and [William \(Bud\) Barrow](#), CEO of Beauregard Memorial Hospital in DeRidder, Louisiana, will serve as the board's vice chair.

Members of the company's executive committee include [Carol H. Burrell](#), president and CEO of Northeast Georgia Health System in Gainesville, Georgia, [Lester Diamond](#), president of St. Dominic-Jackson Memorial Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi, [Dr. Charles A. Peck](#), president and CEO of Piedmont Athens Regional in Athens, Georgia, and [Larry Graham](#), CEO, Lake Charles Memorial Hospital in Lake Charles, Louisiana. In addition, Carol Burrell will also serve as the board chair of Phoenix Health Care Management Services, Inc., a stock company created to serve Vizient Southern States' members.

Vizient Southern States' members will benefit from combined resources that will provide them further opportunities to network and collaborate on insights that help drive excellent service and care to the patients and communities they serve. The new company also will continue to offer members programs and services available through Vizient, Inc., the largest member-driven health care performance improvement company in the country.

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## About Vizient Southern States

Vizient Southern States is a membership alliance for not-for-profit health care providers that exists to ensure their members deliver cost-effective care by connecting them with the knowledge, solutions and expertise that accelerate performance. Learn more at [www.vizientsouthernstates.com](http://www.vizientsouthernstates.com) or on LinkedIn at [www.linkedin.com/company/2773921](https://www.linkedin.com/company/2773921) and on Twitter [@VizientSouthern](https://twitter.com/VizientSouthern).

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