

Cognizant Named a Market Leader in HFS Horizons: HCP Service Providers, 2026

Recognition affirms Cognizant's position as a healthcare provider native transformation partner delivering AI-enabled platforms and services for enterprise-scale modernization and supporting clients in advancing quadruple aim outcomes

July 9, 2026 – Cognizant (NASDAQ: CTSH) today announced it has been recognized as a Market Leader (Horizon 3) in the *HFS Horizons: HCP Service Providers, 2026* report. The Horizons research evaluated 50 service providers across the healthcare provider sector—encompassing health systems, ambulatory surgical centers (ASCs) and independent physician practices (IPPs)—assessing their capabilities across the healthcare provider value chain and the quadruple aim of care (cost, experience, health outcomes and equity).

The HFS report identifies three forces reshaping the healthcare operating model: the shift from generative AI to agentic AI, demographic pressures including clinician scarcity and margin compression driving cost transformation. The report notes that healthcare organizations able to redesign clinical work as human-supervised, AI supported agentic services will be better positioned to improve operational performance and long-term financial resilience.

This transition requires more than implementation or integration of off-the-shelf tools. Healthcare providers need partners who can architect, develop and deploy AI-enabled platforms designed with clients and configured for their value chain, from clinical workflows to revenue operations. Cognizant's Horizon 3 recognition reflects its continued evolution from services implementer to AI builder working with clients to support the next wave of healthcare provider transformation.

"Healthcare providers are navigating margin pressure, workforce constraints and the need to deploy AI responsibly across clinical and operational workflows," said Patricia Hunter-Dennehy, Senior Vice President, Healthcare Provider/Payvider Business Unit, at Cognizant. "Our Horizon 3 recognition reflects Cognizant's evolution from services integrator to AI builder, with proprietary platforms like Neuro[®] AI, outcome-based commercial models and deep healthcare expertise. We're helping providers modernize care delivery, improve operations and move toward more predictive, outcome-driven models."

HFS highlighted Cognizant's ability to advance the quadruple aim of care through AI-enabled services delivered at scale, supported by coverage across the provider value chain—from patient access, virtual health and remote patient monitoring to revenue cycle management and cloud modernization. The report also cited Cognizant's partner ecosystem, clinician-led thought leadership, AI-driven capabilities, measurable outcomes in cost, access, health and revenue, and innovation assets including the Advanced AI Lab, Neuro[®] AI platform and Health Sciences Innovation Center.

"Cognizant stands apart through consistent delivery, clinician-driven capabilities, and purposeful enablement of AI to bring to life outcomes that matter, for health systems, hospitals and other care delivery entities as they face unprecedented financial headwinds and increased disease prevalence," said Rohan Kulkarni, Executive Research Director, HFS.

According to HFS, Horizon 3 providers drive ecosystem transformation by creating new sources of value with partners, delivering advanced capabilities across value creation levers and using proprietary IP and emerging technology to address complex industry challenges. For Cognizant, the recognition underscores its shift toward IP-led, AI-enabled healthcare transformation, combining clinical and operational co-innovation, outcome-based models and ecosystem leadership to help providers prepare for the agentic healthcare era.

Read the full report [HERE](#).

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