Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

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1210-0089

2017

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- [X] a single-employer plan
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ____

B This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report
- [ ] the final return/report
- [ ] an amended return/report
- [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] Form 5558
- [ ] automatic extension
- [ ] the DFVC program
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
HOUSTON EAR NOSE & THROAT CLINIC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1989

2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)
HOUSTON EAR, NOSE & THROAT CLINIC, LLP

14140 SOUTHWEST FREEWAY, SUITE 200
HOUSTON, TX 77478-3842

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 74-1195579

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 281-649-7000

2d Business code (see instructions) 621111

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/15/2018	REJI VARGHESE
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor

3b Administrator's EIN

3c Administrator's telephone number

4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:
a Sponsor's name
c Plan Name

4b EIN

4d PN

5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	174
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	125
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	111
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	3
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	50
d Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**	**6d**	164
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	164
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	161
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	14
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2A 2E 2F 2G 2J 2R 2T 3D 3H

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)		**9b** Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)	
(1)	[X] Insurance	**(1)**	[ ] Insurance
(2)	[ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	**(2)**	[ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	[X] Trust	**(3)**	[X] Trust
(4)	[ ] General assets of the sponsor	**(4)**	[ ] General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

(1) [X] **R** (Retirement Plan Information)

(2) [ ] **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

(3) [ ] **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

b General Schedules

(1) [X] **H** (Financial Information)

(2) [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)

(3) [X] 1 **A** (Insurance Information)

(4) [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)

(5) [X] **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)

(6) [ ] **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) .....…… ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ……..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2017 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2017 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).

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A Name of plan
HOUSTON EAR NOSE & THROAT CLINIC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
HOUSTON EAR, NOSE & THROAT CLINIC, LLP

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
74-1195579

Part I **Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions** Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
42-0127290	61271	613953	176	01/01/2017	12/31/2017

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
1455	720

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
LPL FINANCIAL LLC
4707 EXECUTIVE DR
SAN DIEGO, CA 92121-3091

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
1455			3

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
KRAVITZ, INC.
16030 VENTURA BOULEVARD, SUITE 200
ENCINO, CA 91436

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
	720	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE	3

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	0
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	5	1396217

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b	Premiums paid to carrier	6b	
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c	
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount.	6d	

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity

(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee

(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ CUSTODIAL GUARANTEED INTEREST CONTRACT

b	Balance at the end of the previous year			7b	1464150
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	21373		
	(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)			
	(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	15160		
	(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)			
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	43929		
	▶ LOAN PAYMENT, OUTSIDE INVESTMENT TRANSFER				
	(6) Total additions			7c(6)	80462
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**).			7d	1544612
e	Deductions:				
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	1		
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	680		
	(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)			
	(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	147714		
	▶ OUTSIDE INVESTMENT TRANSFER				
	(5) Total deductions			7e(5)	148395
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)			7f	1396217

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

a ☐ Health (other than dental or vision) **b** ☐ Dental **c** ☐ Vision **d** ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness) **f** ☐ Long-term disability **g** ☐ Supplemental unemployment **h** ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible) **j** ☐ HMO contract **k** ☐ PPO contract **l** ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:				
a Premiums: (1) Amount received	**9a(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	**9a(2)**			
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	**9a(3)**			
(4) Earned (**(1)** + **(2)** - **(3)**)			**9a(4)**	0
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	**9b(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	**9b(2)**			
(3) Incurred claims (add **(1)** and **(2)**)			**9b(3)**	0
(4) Claims charged			**9b(4)**	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --				
(A) Commissions	**9c(1)(A)**			
(B) Administrative service or other fees	**9c(1)(B)**			
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	**9c(1)(C)**			
(D) Other expenses	**9c(1)(D)**			
(E) Taxes	**9c(1)(E)**			
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	**9c(1)(F)**			
(G) Other retention charges	**9c(1)(G)**			
(H) Total retention			**9c(1)(H)**	0
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)			**9c(2)**	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement			**9d(1)**	
(2) Claim reserves			**9d(2)**	
(3) Other reserves			**9d(3)**	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line **9c(2)**.)			**9e**	
10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:				
a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier			**10a**	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount.			**10b**	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2017** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

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D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
74-1195579

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. . . . . ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

LPL FINANCIAL LLC - RPCP

04-3046611

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	INVESTMENT ADVISORY	0	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [X]	21277	Yes [ ] No [X]

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

LPL FINANCIAL LLC

95-2834236

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
49 55	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	0	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [X]	17222	Yes [ ] No [X]

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

42-0127290

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13 37 50 64	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	9526	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [X]	0	Yes [ ] No [X]

2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

KRAVITZ, INC.

95-3207191

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
49	NONE	0	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [X]	9018	Yes [ ] No [X]

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

ARMANINO LLP

94-6214841

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10 50	AUDITOR	4799	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

WILSHIRE ASSOCIATES INCORPORATED

95-2755361

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27 72	INVESTMENT ADVISORY	0	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [X]	0	Yes [X] No [ ]

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received $1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
KRAVITZ INC	49	9018

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
LPL FINANCIAL LLC	49 55	17222

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	COMMISSIONS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
WILSHIRE ASSOCIATES INCORPORATED	27 72	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
HOUSTON EAR, NOSE & THROAT CLINIC 74-1195579	1 BASIS POINT ANNUALLY ON TOTAL PLAN ASSETS IN WILSHIRE'S 3(21) INVESTMENT FIDUCIARY SERVICE PER CLIENT'S SIGNED AGREEMENT WITH WILSHIRE.

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
LPL FINANCIAL LLC - RPCP	27	21277

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	INVESTMENT ADVISORY-PLAN

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.

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(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	**(b)** Nature of Service Code(s)	**(c)** Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)

(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	**b** EIN:
c Position:	
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SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

DFE/Participating Plan Information

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2017

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For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017

A Name of plan
HOUSTON EAR NOSE & THROAT CLINIC 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
HOUSTON EAR, NOSE & THROAT CLINIC, LLP

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
74-1195579

Part I Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN MIDCAP VALUE III SA-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-022	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	4353
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRINCIPAL SMALLCAP SEP ACCT-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-029	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	43897
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LGCAP S&P 500 INDEX SA-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-016	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	158098
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN SMCAP S&P 600 INDEX SA-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-028	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	112359
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN MIDCAP S&P 400 IDX SA-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-023	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	170261
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN REAL ESTATE SECS SA-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-095	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	102159
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN SMALLCAP VALUE II SA-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-096	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	41488

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN INFLATION PROTECT SA-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-099	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LIFE TIME HYB 2010 CIT I25		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-001	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	416977
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LIFE TIME HYB 2015 CIT I25		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-002	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	346435
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LIFE TIME HYB 2020 CIT I25		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-003	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	7872646
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LIFE TIME HYB 2025 CIT I25		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-004	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	1758190
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LIFE TIME HYB 2030 CIT I25		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-005	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	2423320
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LIFE TIME HYB 2035 CIT I25		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-006	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	1432293
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LIFE TIME HYB 2040 CIT I25		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-007	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	1440443
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LIFE TIME HYB 2045 CIT I25		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-008	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	1378414
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	PRIN LIFE TIME HYB 2050 CIT I25		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	PRINCIPAL TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-009	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	422306

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFE TIME HYB 2050 CIT I25

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 26-6447574-010	**d** Entity code C	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 89925

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN INCOME SEP ACCT-R6

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 42-0127290-118	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 529121

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN INTL EQUITY INDEX SA-R6

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 42-0127290-121	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 180064

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN BOND MARKET INDEX SA-R6

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 42-0127290-122	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor	**c** EIN-PN

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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Financial Information

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A Name of plan
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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
HOUSTON EAR, NOSE & THROAT CLINIC, LLP

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
74-1195579

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	5084	25381
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	3735	6129
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	254828	193824
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	15840400	17580948
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	939838	1341801
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	957457	1287661
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	1464150	1396217
(15) Other	1c(15)	6316723	3345141

			(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
	(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	25782215	25177102
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g		
h	Operating payables	1h		
i	Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j	Other liabilities	1j		
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	0	0
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	25782215	25177102

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

	Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a	**Contributions:**			
	(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	2a(1)(A)	752082	
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	678825	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	231656	
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		1662563
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
	(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
	(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	7801	
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	15161	
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		22962
	(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	18316	
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		18316
	(3) Rents	2b(3)		
	(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
	(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
	(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		2420895
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		131698
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		188397
c Other income	2c		552177
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		4997008
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	5576242	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		5576242
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: **(1)** Professional fees	2i(1)	10939	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	11554	
(4) Other	2i(4)	3386	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		25879
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		5602121
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		-605113
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) [ ] Unqualified **(2)** [ ] Qualified **(3)** [X] Disclaimer **(4)** [ ] Adverse

b Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)? [X] Yes [ ] No

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: ARMANINO LLP **(2)** EIN: 94-6214841

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) [ ] This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. **(2)** [ ] It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	4a		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	4b		X	

			Yes	No	Amount
c	Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	4c		X	
d	Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	4d		X	
e	Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e	X		500000
f	Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		X	
g	Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4g		X	
h	Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4h		X	
i	Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4i	X		
j	Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4j		X	
k	Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	4k		X	
l	Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l		X	
m	If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m		X	
n	If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	4n			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	**5b(2)** EIN(s)	**5b(3)** PN(s)

5c If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (See ERISA section 4021.)? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year_____. (See instructions.)

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Retirement Plan Information

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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

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HOUSTON EAR, NOSE & THROAT CLINIC, LLP

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
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Part I Distributions

All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions **1** 0

2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): 01-0233346 42-0127290

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year **3**

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 **a** Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **6c**

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Part III Amendments

9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ..... ☐ **Increase** ☐ **Decrease** ☐ **Both** ☐ **No**

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

11 **a** Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:

a The current year	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**14b**	
c The second preceding plan year	**14c**	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**15a**	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	**15b**	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	**16a**	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	**16b**	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
Stock: 0.0% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify):

Houston Ear, Nose & Throat Clinic 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

Financial Statements
and Supplementary Information

December 31, 2017 and 2016,
and For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Administrative Committee of
Houston Ear, Nose & Throat Clinic 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan
Houston, Texas

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of Houston Ear, Nose & Throat Clinic 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the "Plan"), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on conducting the audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, however, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any audit procedures with respect to the information referred to in Note 10 which was certified by Principal Life Insurance Company, the trustee of the Plan, except for comparing the information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the trustee holds the Plan's investment assets and notes receivable from participants' assets and executes investment and notes receivable from participants transactions. The plan administrator has obtained a certification from the trustee as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 and for the year ended December 31, 2017, that the information provided to the plan administrator by the trustee is complete and accurate.

Disclaimer of Opinion

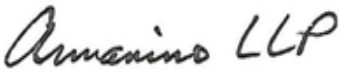
Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on these financial statements.

Other Matter

The supplemental schedule of Schedule H, Part IV, Item 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of or for the year ended December 31, 2017, is required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we do not express an opinion on the supplemental schedule referred to above.

Report on Form and Content in Compliance with DOL Rules and Regulations

The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the information certified by the trustee, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.



Armanino LLP
Woodland Hills, California

October 9, 2018

Houston Ear, Nose & Throat Clinic 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Investments		
Noninterest bearing cash	$ 41,030	$ 203,692
Investments, at fair value	23,514,521	23,850,726
Investments, at contract value - investment contract	1,396,217	1,464,150
Total investments	24,951,768	25,518,568
Receivables		
Employee	6,129	3,735
Employer	25,381	5,084
Notes receivable from participants	193,824	254,828
Total receivables	225,334	263,647
Net assets available for benefits	$ 25,177,102	$ 25,782,215

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Houston Ear, Nose & Throat Clinic 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

Additions to net assets	
Contributions	
Employee	$ 678,825
Employer	752,082
Rollovers	231,656
Total contributions	1,662,563
Investment income	
Interest income	271,128
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	3,055,516
Total investment income	3,326,644
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	7,801
Total additions to net assets	4,997,008
Deductions from net assets	
Benefits paid to participants	5,576,242
Administrative expenses	25,879
Total deductions from net assets	5,602,121
Net decrease in net assets available for benefits	(605,113)
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	25,782,215
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	$ 25,177,102

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Houston Ear, Nose & Throat Clinic 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2017 and 2016

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

General

The following description of the Houston Ear, Nose & Throat Clinic 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions. The Plan was formed January 1, 1989 and has since been amended and restated to conform to new tax laws. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all full-time employees of the Houston Ear, Nose & Throat Clinic, LLP (the Company). Employees are eligible to make salary deferrals and receive safe harbor contributions and profit sharing contributions to the Plan upon completing one (1) year of service, as defined by the Plan, attaining age twenty-one (21) and reaching an entry date. Entry dates are the first day of the Plan year and the first day of the seventh month of the Plan year.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute up to the maximum deferral of pretax annual compensation allowed under the Internal Revenue Code, which for 2017 was $18,000. Employees over the age of 50 could also contribute an additional $6,000 to the Plan for 2017. Participants may also contribute amounts representing rollovers from other plans or certain IRAs. Participants may modify or terminate their salary deferral election.

If the Company gives written notice prior to the beginning of the Plan year to all eligible participants, the Company will make safe harbor contributions of three percent 3% of employee compensation. The Company did provide safe harbor contributions during 2017 in the amount of $345,533. In addition to the safe harbor contribution, the Company may make a discretionary profit sharing contribution in an amount to be determined by the Company on an annual basis. The Company made $406,549 in discretionary profit sharing contributions for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Investment options

Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan which are valued daily. The Plan currently offers money markets and mutual funds as investment options. The Plan also allows participants the option of a self-directed investment program. Participants may direct their investments in any investment desired, within certain specified limitations, and investment choices may be changed daily.

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (continued)

Participant accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, rollovers and allocations of (a) the Company's contributions, (b) Plan earnings (losses), and (c) administrative expenses. Allocations to the participants' accounts are based on the ratio of the account balance of the individual participant to the aggregate of all account balances of all participants in the fund within the Plan. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions, rollovers, and employer contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's profit sharing contributions portion of their accounts plus actual earnings thereon is based on years of continuous service, as defined by the Plan. A participant is one hundred percent (100%) vested after six (6) years of credited service. Participants also become fully vested in the entire amounts allocated to their accounts if employment is terminated by reason of total and permanent disability or death.

Payment of benefits

A participant whose employment terminates for any reason (except death) is entitled to receive the vested portion of their account in the form of a lump-sum or installment distribution payable in cash, net of applicable tax, or a rollover to a qualified account. If a participant dies while employed by the Company, one hundred percent (100%) of their account balance will be used to provide their beneficiary with a death benefit. Hardship distributions may be made to satisfy certain immediate and heavy financial needs that a participant may have. Benefits are recorded when paid.

Notes receivable from participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum of $50,000 or fifty percent (50%) of their account balance, whichever is less. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates that are commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the Company. Principal and interest is paid ratably through monthly payroll deductions, over a term not to exceed five (5) years, unless the loan was obtained to acquire a principal residence, which will extend the reasonable time to a period designated by the Company.

Forfeitures

The non-vested portion of a terminated participant's account balance remains in the Plan and is called forfeiture. For the year ended December 31, 2017, amounts used from the forfeiture account to reduce Plan expenses and employer contributions were $1,549 and $4,272, respectively. At December 31, 2017, the balance of forfeited non-vested accounts was $0.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting and financial statement presentation

The financial statements and supplemental schedule of the Plan are prepared using the accrual method of accounting.

Investment valuation and income recognition

The Plan presents in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits the net appreciation in fair value of investments or net depreciation in fair value of investments which consist of realized gains and losses and changes in the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on those investments. Investment income is allocated to participant accounts based on each participant's investment allocation.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis.

Notes receivable from participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document.

Administrative expenses

The Plan permits the payment of administrative expenses from the Plan's assets. If the Company does not pay the administrative expenses, then the expenses paid using the Plan's assets will generally be allocated among the accounts of all participants in the Plan. Certain other expenses incurred specifically or attributed to a participant may be paid from that participant's account.

Fair value measurements

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

- *Level 1* - Valuations based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. The fair value of investments included in the Level 1 category is based on quoted prices that are readily and regularly available in an active market.
- *Level 2* - Valuations based on observable inputs (other than Level 1 prices), such as quoted prices for similar assets at the measurement date; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Fair value measurements (continued)

- *Level 3* - Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and involve the Plan's own assumptions about market participants and pricing.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of valuation methodologies used for fair value measurement of investments.

Money market funds, corporate and government debt instruments, equities, and annuity: Fair value is measured at the closing price on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

Pooled separate accounts: Valued by the trustee at net asset value (NAV) and are based on the underlying quoted market prices of the investments held by each fund.

Collective investment trusts: Collective investment trusts are fully benefit responsive and are valued based on the underlying market value of the investments held by the trust.

Mutual funds: Valued at quoted prices in active markets, based on the number of shares held by the Plan at year end.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Company to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts at the date of the financial statements and during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Subsequent events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 9, 2018, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No subsequent events have occurred that would have a material impact on the presentation of the Plan's financial statements.

3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2017:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Fair Value
Equities	$ 2,401,949	$ -	$ -	$ 2,401,949
Mutual funds	1,864,989	-	-	1,864,989
Corporate debt instruments	45,903	-	-	45,903
Annuity	-	278,931	-	278,931
	$ 4,312,841	$ 278,931	$ -	4,591,772
Investments measured at NAV				18,922,749
				$ 23,514,521

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2016:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Fair Value
Equities	$ 3,087,726	$ -	$ -	$ 3,087,726
Mutual funds	3,129,263	-	-	3,129,263
Corporate debt instruments	404,737	-	-	404,737
Government debt instruments	212,681	-	-	212,681
Annuity	-	236,081	-	236,081
	$ 6,834,407	$ 236,081	$ -	7,070,488
Investments measured at NAV				16,780,238
				$ 23,850,726

3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2017. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan.

December 31, 2017	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (If Currently Eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Collective investment trusts	$ 17,580,948	N/A	Measurement Date	1 day
Pooled separate accounts	1,341,801	N/A	Daily	1 day
	$ 18,922,749			

4. POOLED SEPARATE ACCOUNTS

The Plan has entered into an administration agreement with Principal Life Insurance Company. Principal maintains the contributions in pooled separate accounts. Pooled accounts are not guaranteed by Principal and the value of the investment in these pooled funds will increase or decrease to reflect the investment experience of the underlying fund. The accounts are credited with actual earnings on the underlying investments and charged for Plan withdrawals and administration expenses charged by Principal.

5. INVESTMENT CONTRACT

The Plan has a fully benefit-responsive investment contract with Principal Life Insurance Company Fixed Income Guaranteed Option (the Fund). The contract is included in the financial statements at contract value as reported to the Plan by the Fund. Contract value represents investment principal plus accrued interest thereon. The contracts are nontransferable but provide for benefit responsive withdrawals and participant transfers to noncompeting options by Plan participants at contract value. The contract has certain restrictions that impact the ability to collect full contract value, for example, termination or partial termination of the fund. Issuers can terminate the investment contract upon the event of default by the contract holder.

The Fund is a single group annuity contract with a fixed rate of interest. As a result, the average yield earned by the Plan is the yield earned on the group annuity contract. The Composite Crediting Rate history for the contract during the year ended December 31, 2017 is as follows:

Time period	
December 1, 2016 - May 31, 2017	1.75%
June 1, 2017 - November 30, 2017	1.70%
December 1, 2017 - May 31, 2018	1.70%

6. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to, at any time, amend, modify or terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, no further contributions will be made to the Plan and amounts credited to participant accounts will become one hundred percent (100%) vested.

7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are shares of pooled separate accounts which are managed by Principal Life Insurance Company. Principal Life Insurance Company is the trustee and contract administrator as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions. Commissions and fees paid by the Plan for investment management and contract administration services amounted to $1,455 and $9,526, respectively for the year ended December 31, 2017.

8. PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

During the year ended December 31, 2017, there were no party-in-interest transactions that are prohibited by ERISA, Section 406 and for which no statutory or administrative exemption exists.

9. INCOME TAX STATUS

The Plan obtained its latest determination letter on May 26, 2006, in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. The Company believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2017, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements.

The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax period in progress. The plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2014.

10. INFORMATION PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY TRUSTEE (UNAUDITED)

In accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor?s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the trustees have certified information regarding the cost and fair value of all investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2017 and 2016, and investment and notes receivable from participants' transactions entered into during the year ended December 31, 2017, which was used in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule.

11. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan provides for various investment options. These investments are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits, supplemental schedule and participants' accounts.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Houston Ear, Nose & Throat Clinic 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan
EIN: 74-1195579; Plan: 002
Schedule H, Part IV, Item 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
December 31, 2017

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2020 CIT 125	**	$ 7,872,646
*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2030 CIT 125	**	2,423,320
*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2025 CIT 125	**	1,758,190
	Various	Equities held by Charles Schwab	**	1,537,397
*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2040 CIT 125	**	1,440,443
*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2035 CIT 125	**	1,432,293
*	Principal	Principal Fixed Inc Guaranteed Option	**	1,396,217
*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2045 CIT 125	**	1,378,414
	Various	Equities held by UBS	**	864,552
*	Principal	Principal Income Separate Account	**	529,121
	Various	Money Market held by Charles Schwab	**	516,053
	Legg Mason	Legg Mason BW Global Opportunities Bond A Fund	**	474,767
*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2050 CIT 125	**	422,306
*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2010 CIT 125	**	416,977
*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2015 CIT 125	**	346,435
	Ohio National Life Insurance	Annuity	**	278,931
*	Principal	Principal International Equity Index Separate Account	**	180,064
	Oppenheimer	Oppenheimer International Growth A Fund	**	171,580
*	Principal	Principal MidCap S&P 400 Index Separate Account	**	170,261
*	Principal	Principal LargeCap S&P 500 Index Separate Account	**	158,098
	JP Morgan	JP Morgan Equity Income A Fund	**	144,395
	American Funds	American Funds New World R4 Fund	**	114,772
*	Principal	Principal SmallCap S&P 600 Index Separate Account	**	112,359
	T. Rowe Price	T.Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth Adv Fund	**	110,568
*	Principal	Principal Real Estate Securities Separate Account	**	102,159
	BlackRock	BlackRock High Yield Bond A Fund	**	94,196
*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2055 CIT 125	**	89,925
	Janus	Janus Enterprise A Fund	**	61,630
	Various	Mutual Funds held by UBS	**	61,275
	American Funds	American Funds New Perspective R4 Fund	**	49,306
	JP Morgan	JP Morgan US Research Enhanced Equity A Fund	**	48,538
	Various	Corporate Debt Instruments held by UBS - Self-directed	**	45,903
*	Principal	Principal SmallCap Separate Account	**	43,897
*	Principal	Principal SmallCap Value II Separate Account	**	41,488
	UBS	Cash	**	24,032
	UBS	UBS U.S. Small Cap Growth A Fund	**	17,909
	Charles Schwab	Cash	**	16,998
*	Principal	Principal MidCap Value III Separate Account	**	4,353
	Participant Loans	Various maturities, interest rates from 4.25% to 5.25%	-	$ 193,824

* Indicated party-in-interest to the Plan
** Cost information not provided as all investments are participant directed

Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017

A This return/report is for:
- ☐ a multiemployer plan
- ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- ☒ a single-employer plan
- ☐ a DFE (specify) ___

B This return/report is:
- ☐ the first return/report
- ☐ the final return/report
- ☐ an amended return/report
- ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ ☐

D Check box if filing under:
- ☒ Form 5558
- ☐ automatic extension
- ☐ the DFVC program
- ☐ special extension (enter description)

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
HOUSTON EAR NOSE & THROAT CLINIC 401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1989

2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)
Houston Ear, Nose & Throat Clinic, LLP

14140 Southwest Freeway, Suite 200

Houston TX 77478-3842

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 74-1195579

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 281-649-7000

2d Business code (see instructions) 621111

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	RV	10/15/18	REJI VARGHESE
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	RV	10/15/18	REJI VARGHESE
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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Form 5500 (2017)
v. 170203

Plan ID: 28082

3a Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor	**3b** Administrator's EIN	
	3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: **a** Sponsor's name **c** Plan Name	**4b** EIN **4d** PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	174
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	125
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	111
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	3
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	50
d Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**	**6d**	164
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**	**6f**	164
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	161
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	14
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
2A 2E 2F 2G 2J 2R 2T 3D 3H

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)		**9b** Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)	
(1) [X]	Insurance	**(1)** [ ]	Insurance
(2) [ ]	Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	**(2)** [ ]	Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) [X]	Trust	**(3)** [X]	Trust
(4) [ ]	General assets of the sponsor	**(4)** [ ]	General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(3)** [ ] **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

b General Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [X] 1 **A** (Insurance Information)
- **(4)** [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [X] **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- **(6)** [ ] **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Houston Ear, Nose & Throat Clinic 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan
EIN: 74-1195579; Plan: 002
Schedule H, Part IV, Item 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
December 31, 2017

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2020 CIT 125	**	$ 7,872,646
*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2030 CIT 125	**	2,423,320
*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2025 CIT 125	**	1,758,190
	Various	Equities held by Charles Schwab	**	1,537,397
*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2040 CIT 125	**	1,440,443
*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2035 CIT 125	**	1,432,293
*	Principal	Principal Fixed Inc Guaranteed Option	**	1,396,217
*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2045 CIT 125	**	1,378,414
	Various	Equities held by UBS	**	864,552
*	Principal	Principal Income Separate Account	**	529,121
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	Legg Mason	Legg Mason BW Global Opportunities Bond A Fund	**	474,767
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*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2015 CIT 125	**	346,435
	Ohio National Life Insurance	Annuity	**	278,931
*	Principal	Principal International Equity Index Separate Account	**	180,064
	Oppenheimer	Oppenheimer International Growth A Fund	**	171,580
*	Principal	Principal MidCap S&P 400 Index Separate Account	**	170,261
*	Principal	Principal LargeCap S&P 500 Index Separate Account	**	158,098
	JP Morgan	JP Morgan Equity Income A Fund	**	144,395
	American Funds	American Funds New World R4 Fund	**	114,772
*	Principal	Principal SmallCap S&P 600 Index Separate Account	**	112,359
	T. Rowe Price	T.Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth Adv Fund	**	110,568
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	BlackRock	BlackRock High Yield Bond A Fund	**	94,196
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	Janus	Janus Enterprise A Fund	**	61,630
	Various	Mutual Funds held by UBS	**	61,275
	American Funds	American Funds New Perspective R4 Fund	**	49,306
	JP Morgan	JP Morgan US Research Enhanced Equity A Fund	**	48,538
	Various	Corporate Debt Instruments held by UBS - Self-directed	**	45,903
*	Principal	Principal SmallCap Separate Account	**	43,897
*	Principal	Principal SmallCap Value II Separate Account	**	41,488
	UBS	Cash	**	24,032
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	Charles Schwab	Cash	**	16,998
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	Participant Loans	Various maturities, interest rates from 4.25% to 5.25%	-	$ 193,824

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