

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.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____ ☐ 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)
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF KANSAS CITY 401(K) PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/1985
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) BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF KANSAS CITY 2301 MAIN STREET KANSAS CITY, MO 64108-2429
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 43-1257251
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 816-395-2222
2d	Business code (see instructions) 524140

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.	10/09/2024	MARK GARRETT
	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 ☒ 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 2150
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 a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 1611 6a(2) 1532 6b 11 6c 505 6d 2048 6e 2 6f 2050 6g(1) 2100 6g(2) 2039 6h 120
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:

2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3F 3H 3D

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) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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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) ☒ **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
- (4) ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) ☐ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0
- (4) ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) ☒ **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 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 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 C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider 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.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF KANSAS CITY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 43-1257251	

Part I	Service Provider Information (see instructions)
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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
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL
04-2647786

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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)

FINANCIAL ENGINES

94-3250323

(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	ADVISOR	153307	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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(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?
25 37 60 64 65 99	RECORDKEEPER	93834	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

WEALTH MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS INC

22-3734996

(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 ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ 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
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	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.	
BLKRK TOT RETURN IS - BNY MELLON I 500 ROSS STREET 15253-4426 PITTSBURGH, PA 53442	0.15%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	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.	
DL FLEXIBLE INC I - U.S. BANCORP F 615 EAST MICHIGAN STREET, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53202 MILWAUKEE, WI 53201	0.15%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	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.	
HRDG LVNR INTL EQ IS - NORTHERN TR 333 SOUTH WABASH AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60604	0.15%	

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
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	99	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.	
WEALTH MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS INC 22-3734996	50-70% OF GROSS, REVENUE FROM IRA, PROVIDERS TO WMSI, BASED ON VOLUMES	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
WEALTH MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS INC	49	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.	
MILLENNIUM TRUST COMPANY, LLC 36-4400066	ONE TIME REVENUE, \$15 PER ACCT.;, ON-GOING REVENUE, PER ACCT 1/12TH OF, \$10/YR	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	99	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.	
FINANCIAL ENGINES 1050 ENTERPRISE WAY 3RD FL SUNNYVALE, CA 94089	VARIABLE COMP NOT TO EXCEED 10 BASIS POINTS	

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:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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d Address:	e Telephone:

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c Position:	
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Explanation:

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c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan 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.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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A Name of plan <u>BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF KANSAS CITY 401(K) PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF KANSAS CITY</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>43-1257251</u>	

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: WT SMID CAP RES EQ 1

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WELLINGTON TRUST COMPANY, NA

c EIN-PN <u>04-6913417-151</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SS TRGT RET 2020 VI

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): STATE STREET BANK & TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN <u>90-0337987-314</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>4970161</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SS TRGT RET 2030 VI

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): STATE STREET BANK & TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN <u>90-0337987-316</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>18485243</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SS TRGT RET 2065 VI

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS TRUST

c EIN-PN <u>32-6528132-049</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>578359</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SS TRGT RET INC VI

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): STATE STREET BANK & TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN <u>90-0337987-326</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>764005</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WT SMID CAP RES EQ 4

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WELLINGTON TRUST COMPANY, N.A.

c EIN-PN <u>04-6913417-157</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>483136</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: GALLIARD STBLE RTN E

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

c EIN-PN <u>52-2250951-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>6723374</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SS TRGT RET 2040 VI

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): STATE STREET BANK & TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 90-0337987-318	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 17018647
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SS TRGT RET 2045 VI

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): STATE STREET BANK & TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 90-0337987-319	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 17193244
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SS TRGT RET 2060 VI

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): STATE STREET BANK & TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 90-0337987-454	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3274026
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SS TRGT RET 2035 VI

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): STATE STREET BANK & TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 90-0337987-317	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 19398339
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FID GROWTH CO POOL A

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

c EIN-PN 04-3022712-135	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 22730948
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SS TRGT RET 2025 VI

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): STATE STREET BANK & TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 90-0337987-315	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 13907494
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SS TRGT RET 2050 VI

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): STATE STREET BANK & TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 90-0337987-320	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 15729143
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SS TRGT RET 2055 VI

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): STATE STREET BANK & TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 90-0337987-325	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 8745656
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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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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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Part II **Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)**

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans. DCGs must report each participating plan using Schedule DCG.)

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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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	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	3108762	3522301
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	4147071	4785292
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	120093808	150001775
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	77687608	92647795
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	0	0
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	205037249	250957163
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h	0	0
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	205037249	250957163

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)	12478680	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	14777848	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	3794438	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		31050966
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	177150	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	261238	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		438388
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	2043544	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		2043544
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	0	
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		24170031
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		12533885
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		70236814

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	24066606	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		24066606
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		3153
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		0
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	600	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	93234	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	153307	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	0	
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	0	
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)	0	
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	0	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		247141
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		24316900

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		45919914
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		0

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) ☒ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) ☒ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☐ neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

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

(1) Name: **ERNST & YOUNG**

(2) EIN: **34-6565596**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG 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. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

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.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒		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?		☒	
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?		☒	
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?		☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
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.)		☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		☒	
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.		☒	

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 Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

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 This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF KANSAS CITY 401(K) PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF KANSAS CITY		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 43-1257251
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
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): 04-6568107		
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		
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023 v. 230707		

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (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): _____

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): _____

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): _____

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): _____

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): _____

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 deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:		
a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14b	
c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	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
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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) and (b):	
a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%	
b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: ☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more	
20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.	
a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:	
☐ Yes.	
☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.	
☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.	
☐ No. Other. Provide explanation. _____	

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).	
☐ Design-based safe harbor method	
☒ "Prior year" ADP test	
☐ "Current year" ADP test	
☐ N/A	
22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>06 / 30 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q702438A</u> .	

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL
SCHEDULE (MODIFIED CASH BASIS)

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City
401(k) Plan
December 31, 2023 and 2022 and for the
Year Ended December 31, 2023
With Report of Independent Auditors

Ernst & Young LLP



Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City
401(k) Plan

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule
(Modified Cash Basis)

December 31, 2023 and 2022 and for the
Year Ended December 31, 2023

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Report of Independent Auditors

The Board of Directors and Participants
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City 401(k) Plan

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City 401(k) Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis) as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis) for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the “financial statements”).

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2.

- the information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Modified Cash Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 2 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 2 and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management also is responsible for 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. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the Plan, and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matter

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule (modified cash basis) of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2023, (referred to as the “supplemental schedule”), is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Ernst & Young LLP

September 30, 2024

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City
401(k) Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
(Modified Cash Basis)

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets		
Investments at fair value	\$ 246,171,871	\$ 200,890,178
Receivables:		
Notes receivable from participants	<u>4,853,043</u>	<u>4,216,370</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 251,024,914</u>	<u>\$ 205,106,548</u>

See accompanying notes.

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
(Modified Cash Basis)

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Additions:

Investment income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 36,703,916
Interest and dividend income	2,220,694
Total investment losses	<u>38,924,610</u>

Interest income on notes receivable from participants	264,111
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Contributions:

Participant contributions	14,777,848
Employer contributions	12,478,680
Rollovers	3,794,438
Total contributions	<u>31,050,966</u>

Total additions	<u>70,239,687</u>
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Deductions:

Benefits paid to participants	24,074,179
Administrative expenses	247,142
Total deductions	<u>24,321,321</u>

Increase in net assets available for benefits	45,918,366
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	<u>205,106,548</u>
Net assets available for benefits at end of year	<u><u>\$ 251,024,914</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City 401(k) Plan

Notes to Financial Statements (Modified Cash Basis)

December 31, 2023

1. Description of the Plan

The following description of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City 401(k) Plan (the Plan) provides general information about the Plan's provisions. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City (the Company) is the plan sponsor. Participants should refer to the plan document and summary plan description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions, copies of which may be obtained from the plan sponsor.

General

The Plan is a defined-contribution plan that covers substantially all employees of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City (the Company), provided they meet the prescribed eligibility requirements. The Plan's funds are under the terms of the Master Trust Agreement dated October 1, 2021, between the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City, and Fidelity Management Trust Company (Fidelity). Fidelity serves as trustee of the Plan's funds. Under the Plan, the Chief Executive Officer of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City appointed the Retirement Plans Committee of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City to administer the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Eligible Employees

An employee may elect to participate in the Plan on the first day of any pay period, or as soon thereafter as administratively practicable. Eligible participants are automatically enrolled in the Plan once they have met the eligibility requirement unless they affirmatively decline to participate.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute a minimum of 1% up to a maximum of 50% for non-highly compensated employees and 10% for highly compensated employees of their compensation, as defined by the Plan, subject to certain Internal Revenue Code (IRC) limitations. If automatically enrolled, a participant's initial deferral is set at 3% of eligible compensation. All employees who are eligible to make salary deferrals under the Plan and who have attained age 50 on or before the last day of the Plan year shall be eligible to make catch-up contributions in accordance with the Plan Document (total pre-tax and catchup contributions cannot exceed 75% of compensation). The Plan allows participants to designate contributions as pre-tax or as post-tax Roth contributions.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
(Modified Cash Basis)

1. Description of the Plan (continued)

Additionally, each June, a participant whose contribution election is between 1% and 9% of compensation have their contribution automatically increased 1%, not to exceed 10% unless the participant opts out of such automatic increase or makes another election. This automatic escalation provision was effective for the period January 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022. Effective October 1, 2022, the Plan was updated so a non-highly compensated participant whose contribution election is between 1% and 14% of compensation will have their contribution automatically increased 1% each June, not to exceed 15%, unless the participant opts out of such automatic increase or makes another election. The Company contributes a matching contribution on behalf of each participant equal to 50% of the participant's contribution not in excess of 10% of the participant's compensation for the payroll period.

The Plan also provides that the Company may make an annual contribution, called Retirement Plus, based on achievement of announced financial goals. For 2023, the Retirement Plus contribution was \$6,484,333. Participants may also rollover amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined-benefit or defined-contribution plans.

Participant Accounts

Individual accounts are maintained for each Plan participant. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the Company's matching contribution, the Retirement Plus contribution, if any, investment earnings and/or losses and charged withdrawals. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions, plus actual earnings thereon. Participants are fully vested in the Company's matching contribution and discretionary Retirement Plus contributions after three years of service. In the event participants die while employed by the Company or terminate employment after becoming disabled, their balances in the Plan become fully vested. Regardless of length of service, participants are fully vested once they reach normal retirement age of 65.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
(Modified Cash Basis)

1. Description of the Plan (continued)

Participant Loans

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of \$50,000 reduced by the highest outstanding participant loan balance in the last twelve months or 50% of their vested account balance less the current outstanding loan balance, whichever is less. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a reasonable rate determined by the Plan Administrator based on the prevailing rates charged by persons in the business of lending money for loans which would be made under similar circumstances.

The interest rate remains fixed throughout the duration of the loan. Under current tax laws, loan interest payments are not tax deductible. Interest is applied to new loans beginning in the following month. Principal and interest are paid ratably through after-tax payroll deductions. Loan repayment periods are for a maximum of 5 years unless the loan is for the purchase of a home, in which case the repayment period can be up to 30 years.

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service due to death, retirement, or separation from service, a participant with a vested balance of more than \$5,000, or his/her beneficiary, may elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the vested interest in his or her account, a partial withdrawal of the vested interest in his or her account, or installment payments. If a participant's vested balance is less than \$5,000, the account balance must be distributed as a lump sum as soon as administratively possible after separation from service. If the account balance is \$5,000 or greater, distributions can be paid, or the account balance may remain in the Plan until age 72 (or age 70 ½ if that age is reached on or before December 31, 2019).

In-Service Withdrawals

In the case of financial hardship, participants may withdraw amounts from their pre-tax contributions subaccount, Roth contributions subaccount, rollover contribution subaccount, the vested portion of their matching contribution subaccount, and discretionary contribution subaccount, as defined by the Plan. Any balance in the Retirement Plus subaccount may not be

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
(Modified Cash Basis)

1. Description of the Plan (continued)

used for a hardship withdrawal. Participants should refer to the Summary Plan Description for a description of events or expenses that are considered immediate and heavy financial needs under the Plan. Active participants age 59 1/2 or over and participants who become permanently disabled may request all or a portion of the full vested value of their Plan account.

Forfeited Accounts

Forfeitures occur upon termination of employment by a participant who is not fully vested in the Plan. Under the Plan, forfeitures are used to reduce subsequent employer matching or discretionary contributions, as appropriate. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$86,616 and \$50,765, respectively. Forfeitures used to reduce Company contributions for 2023 were \$885,640.

Administrative Expenses

The Plan's administrative expenses are paid by either the Plan or the Company, as provided by the Plan's provisions. Administrative expenses paid by the Plan include recordkeeping and trustee fees. Expenses relating to purchases, sales, or transfers of the Plan's investments are charged to the particular investment fund to which the expenses relate. All other administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. During 2023, administrative expenses of \$247,142 relating to recordkeeping fees, trustee fees, and loan origination fees were paid by the Plan.

Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth in ERISA. In the event that the Plan is terminated, all remaining Plan assets shall be allocated to participants as described in the full text of the Plan Document, and all participants would become 100% vested in their account balances.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
(Modified Cash Basis)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule are prepared on the modified cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Under this basis, investment assets are reported at fair value, net realized and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments is recognized, contributions are recognized when received rather than as earned, and benefits and expenses are recognized when paid rather than as incurred.

New Accounting Pronouncement Not Yet Adopted

There are no new accounting pronouncements not yet adopted.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting requires management to make estimates that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes and supplemental schedule. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments held by the Plan are stated at fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (an exit price). See Note 4 for further discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded as earned. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held, during the year.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
(Modified Cash Basis)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Payment of Benefits

Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, no benefits were due to participants who had withdrawn from participation in the Plan.

Notes Receivable From Participants

Notes receivable from participants represent participant loans that are recorded at their unpaid principal balance, plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income on notes receivable from participants is recorded when it is earned. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are recorded when they are received. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 or 2022. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the plan administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant account balance is reduced by the outstanding loan balance and a taxable benefit distribution is recorded.

3. Participant-Directed Investments

All investment information disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule, including investments held and notes receivable from participants at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest, dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2023, was obtained or derived from information provided to the plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity, the trustee of the Plan.

4. Fair Value Measurements

ASC 820 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (an exit price). ASC 820 includes 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 and liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820 are described below:

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4. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

- Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible to the reporting entity at the measurement date for identical assets and liabilities.
- Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities that are observable either directly or indirectly for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. Level 2 inputs include the following:
 - Quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets
 - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active
 - Observable inputs other than quoted prices that are used in the valuation of the assets or liabilities (e.g., interest rate and yield curve quotes at commonly quoted intervals)
 - Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means
- Level 3 – Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability (i.e., supported by little or no market activity). Level 3 inputs include management’s own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability (including assumptions about risk).

The following is a description of the valuation techniques and inputs used for each major class of assets measured at fair value.

Money market funds: Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the securities are traded.

Mutual funds: Valued at the quoted market prices, which represent NAV of shares held by the Plan at year end.

Common/collective trust funds: Valued at NAV of units held. NAV is based on the value of the underlying investments divided by the number of units outstanding.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
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4. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets carried at fair value at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 92,647,795	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 92,647,795
Money market funds	3,522,301	–	–	3,522,301
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 96,170,096</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>96,170,096</u>
Common collective trust funds measured at NAV*				150,001,775
Total assets at fair value				<u>\$ 246,171,871</u>

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 77,687,608	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 77,687,608
Money market funds	3,108,762	–	–	3,108,762
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 80,796,370</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>80,796,370</u>
Common collective trust funds measured at NAV*				120,093,808
Total assets at fair value				<u>\$ 200,890,178</u>

* In accordance with FASB guidance, the common collective trust funds have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy as they are measured at fair value using NAV as a practical expedient. The fair value amounts presented in the tables above are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the total investments in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits. Participant-directed redemptions, in general, have no restrictions with the exception of the stable return fund requiring any participant requesting a withdrawal to invest in a non-competing fund for at least 90 days before transferring to a competing fund option. Additionally, the stable return fund requires the Plan to provide 12-month written notice of the intent to withdraw assets from the fund. The comingled pool investment subjects redemption requests from the Plan to restrictions in accordance with the fund's significant cash flow policy. Given its investment level, the Plan does not anticipate any future redemptions violating the significant cash flow policy.

The Plan had no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 in 2023 and 2022. The Plan had no transfers into or out of Level 3 in 2023 and 2022.

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5. Tax Status

Effective September 10, 2021, the Plan adopted a non-standardized pre-approved plan sponsored by Fidelity. The plan provider has received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated June 30, 2020, stating that the plan document was in compliance with the applicable provisions of the IRC and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. The opinion letter has been relied upon by the Plan. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the IRC to maintain its qualified status. The plan administrator believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes the Plan, as amended and restated, is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States require the Plan's management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

6. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan utilizes various investment instruments, including mutual funds and common/collective trust funds. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
(Modified Cash Basis)

7. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements (modified cash basis) at December 31, 2023 and 2022, to the Form 5500:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements (modified cash basis)	\$ 251,024,914	\$ 205,106,548
Deemed distributions	(67,751)	(69,299)
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 250,957,163</u>	<u>\$ 205,037,249</u>

The notes receivable from participants balance shown in the accompanying financial statements includes loans with no post-default payments. A deemed distribution occurs when a participant loan goes into default, but the participant is not eligible for a plan distribution. The Form 5500 excludes the value of any outstanding loans that were deemed distributions in the current or prior years unless repayment was initiated. Therefore, the value of loans with no post-default payments represents a reconciling item.

During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, no additional material loans were deemed distributed and no material loan repayments were received for previously deemed distributed loans.

The following is a reconciliation of the increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the net income per the Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2023:

Increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements (modified cash basis)	\$ 45,918,366
Offsets to previously deemed distributed loans	1,548
Total net income per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 45,919,914</u>

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8. Related-Party Transactions

The Plan holds units of common/collective trust funds, mutual funds, and money market funds managed by Fidelity, the trustee of the Plan. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Plan paid Fidelity \$247,142 for trustee services performed. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions; however, they are exempt from the prohibited transactions rules under ERISA.

9. Subsequent Events

Management evaluated subsequent events for the Plan through September 30, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Management is not aware of any events subsequent to December 31, 2023, that would materially affect the Plan's financial condition or results of operations.

Supplemental Schedule

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EIN #43-1257251 Plan #002

Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2023

Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	Current Value
Common collective trust funds:		
Fidelity*	Growth Company Commingled Pool	\$ 22,730,948
Galliard*	Stable Return Fund E	6,723,374
	Target Retirement 2020 Securities Lending	
State Street	Series Fund Class VI	4,970,161
	Target Retirement 2025 Securities Lending	
State Street	Series Fund Class VI	13,907,494
	Target Retirement 2030 Securities Lending	
State Street	Series Fund Class VI	18,485,243
	Target Retirement 2035 Securities Lending	
State Street	Series Fund Class VI	19,398,339
	Target Retirement 2040 Securities Lending	
State Street	Series Fund Class VI	17,018,647
	Target Retirement 2045 Securities Lending	
State Street	Series Fund Class VI	17,193,244
	Target Retirement 2050 Securities Lending	
State Street	Series Fund Class VI	15,729,143
	Target Retirement 2055 Securities Lending	
State Street	Series Fund Class VI	8,745,656
	Target Retirement 2060 Securities Lending	
State Street	Series Fund Class VI	3,274,026
	Target Retirement 2065 Securities Lending	
State Street	Series Fund Class VI	578,359
	Target Retirement Income Securities Lending	
State Street	Series Fund Class VI	764,005
Wellington Trust Company	SMID Cap Research Equity (Series 4) Portfolio	483,136
		<u>150,001,775</u>

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Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) (continued)

December 31, 2023

Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	Current Value
Mutual Funds:		
Blackrock	Total Return Fund Institutional Shares	\$ 3,314,739
Diamond Hill	Large Cap Fund Class Y	3,502,563
DoubleLine	Flexible Income Fund Class I	372,035
Fidelity*	500 Index Fund	33,510,527
Fidelity*	Extended Market Index Fund	16,465,086
Fidelity*	U.S. Bond Index Fund	15,297,627
Harding Loevner	International Equity Portfolio Institutional Class	1,802,701
	Total International Stock Index Fund	
Vanguard	Institutional Shares	17,960,050
Vanguard	International Value Fund Investor Shares	422,467
		<u>92,647,795</u>
Fidelity*	Money Market Funds	3,522,301
Notes receivable from participants*	Promissory notes interest rates from 4.25% to 9.50% with varying maturity dates	4,853,043
		<u><u>\$ 251,024,914</u></u>

* Indicates permitted party-in-interest to the Plan

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