

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 AVANOS MEDICAL, INC. 401(K) PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 11/01/2014
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) AVANOS MEDICAL, INC. 5405 WINDWARD PARKWAY ALPHARETTA, GA 30004
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 46-4987888
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 470-448-5886
2d	Business code (see instructions) 339110

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.	10/10/2024	KENDA BRYANT
	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 1679
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) 958 6a(2) 869 6b 3 6c 755 6d 1627 6e 1 6f 1628 6g(1) 1655 6g(2) 1608 6h 0
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:

3H 2T 2H 2J 3D 2R 2S

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.

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan AVANOS MEDICAL, INC. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 AVANOS MEDICAL, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 46-4987888	

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)

STRATEGIC ADVISORS, INC.

04-2654524

(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	237561	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?
37 60 64 65 71	RECORDKEEPER	83281	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		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.	
AMERICAN CENTURY EQUITY INCOME INV 4400 MAIN ST 1ST FL KANSAS CITY, MO 64111	0.35%	
(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.	
ARISTOTLE STRATEGIC INCOME FUND A 2220 E. ROUTE 66 SUITE 226 GLEN DORA, CA 91740	0.40%	
(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.	
BLACKROCK EQUITY DIVIDEND FD CL A 40 EAST 52ND ST NEW YORK, NY 10022	0.40%	

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CAUSEWAY INTERNATNALVALUE INSTL P. O. BOX 1100 OAKS, PA 19456	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.	
AMERICAN EUROPACIFIC GROWTH FUND C 3500 WISEMAN BLVD SAN ANTONIO, TX 78251-4321	0.12%	
(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.	
FMI INTERNATIONAL 777 EAST WISCONSIN AVE MILWAUKEE, WI 53202	0.40%	

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
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POLARIS GLOBAL VALUE THREE CANAL PLAZA STE 600 PORTLAND, ME 04101	0.12%	
(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.	
GABELLI EQUITY INCOME FUND AAA 401 THEODORE FREMD. AVE. RYE, NY 10580	0.35%	
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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
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HARDING LOEVNER INST EMERGING MRKT PO BOX 4766 CHICAGO, IL 60680	0.15%	

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OAKMARK FUND INVESTOR CLASS 111 SOUTH WACKER DR. CHICAGO, IL 60606	0.35%	
(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
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JPMORGAN EQUITY PREMIUM INCOME CL 1111 POLARIS PARKWAY COLUMBUS, OH 43240	0.40%	
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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.	
JOHN HANCOCK NEW OPPORTUNITIES CL 601 CONGRESS ST. 9TH FL. BOSTON, MA 02210	0.40%	

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LAZARD INTL STRAT EQUITY PORT OPEN 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA 57TH FL. NEW YORK, NY 10112	0.40%	
(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.	
LAZARD INTL STRATEGY EQUITY PORT IN 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA 57TH FL. NEW YORK, NY 10112	0.15%	
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AMERICAN NEW PERSPECTIVE CLASS F1 3500 WISEMAN BLVD SAN ANTONIO, TX 78251-4321	0.37%	

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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.	
PEAR TREE POLARIS FRGN VALUE ORDIN 55 OLD BEDFORD ROAD LINCOLN, MA 01773	0.40%	
(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.	
PIMCO RAE US SMALL FUND A 1633 BROADWAY NEW YORK, NY 10019	0.40%	
(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.	
T ROWE PRICE COMM & TECHNOLOGY INV 4515 PAINTERS MILL RD OWINGS MILLS, MD 21117	0.15%	

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PRIMECAP ODYSSEY GROWTH FUND 2020 E. FINANCIAL WAY STE 100 GLENDORA, CA 91741	0.10%	
(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.	
BITCOIN STRATEGY FD INVESTOR 7501 WISCONSIN AVE STE 1000 E TOWNE BETHESDA, MD 20814	0.40%	
(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.	
PGIM JEN INTL OPPORTUNITIES CL Z 655 BROAD ST NEWARK, NJ 07102	0.15%	

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RBC SMID CAP GROWTH FUND CLASS A 50 S SIXTH ST STE 2350 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402	0.40%	
(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.	
INFINITY Q DIVRS ALPHA INSTL 888 7TH AVE STE 3800 NEW YORK, NY 10106	0.10%	
(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.	
VICTORY PRECIOUS METALS AND MINERA 4900 TIEDEMAN RD 4TH FL BROOKLYN, OH 44114	0.10%	

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GLOBAL RESOURCES FUND 3 CANAL PLAZA STE 600 PORTLAND, ME 04101	0.40%	
(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.	
VALUE LINE MID CAP FOCUSED INVESTO 7 TIMES SQUARE STE 1606 NEW YORK, NY 10036	0.40%	
(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.	
VALUE LINE SMALL CAPOPPORTUNITIES 7 TIMES SQUARE STE 1606 NEW YORK, NY 10036	0.40%	

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.	
VICTORY SYCAMORE ESTABLISHED VALUE 4900 TIEDEMAN RD 4TH FL BROOKLYN, OH 44114	0.40%	
(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.	
VIRTUS INCOME & GROWTH C 100 SUMMIT LAKE DR 201 GREENFIELD, MA 01301	0.10%	
(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.	
WASATCH HOISINGTON US TREASURY 505 WAKARA WAY STE 300 SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84108	0.25%	

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.	
WEITZ CORE PLUS INCOME FD INVESTOR 1125 SOUTH 103RD ST OMAHA, NE 68124	0.40%	
(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.	
ALLSPRING EMERGING MRKTS EQY INCM 525 MARKET ST MAC A0103 122 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105	0.40%	
(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.	

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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(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

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:

Explanation:

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

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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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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan AVANOS MEDICAL, INC. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 AVANOS MEDICAL, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 46-4987888	

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: BTC R2000 INDEX			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INST. TRUST COMPANY, N.A.			
c EIN-PN 45-4352674-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 14138472	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BTC LIFEPATH 2030 G			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INST. TRUST COMPANY, N.A.			
c EIN-PN 45-2829163-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 8081389	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BTC R1000 GRTH INDEX			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INST. TRUST COMPANY, N.A.			
c EIN-PN 94-3405567-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 43741167	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BTC US DEBT FUND W			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INST. TRUST COMPANY, N.A.			
c EIN-PN 45-3221265-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 24196071	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BTC LIFEPATH 2050 G			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INST. TRUST COMPANY, N.A.			
c EIN-PN 45-2837704-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 11753802	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BTC ACWI EX US NL R			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INST. TRUST COMPANY, N.A.			
c EIN-PN 45-2912262-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 26122532	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BTC LIFEPATH 2040 G			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INST. TRUST COMPANY, N.A.			
c EIN-PN 45-2837597-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 9815826	

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BTC LIFEPATH 2055 G		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INST. TRUST COMPANY, N.A.		
c EIN-PN 45-2837751-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 7797099
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BTC LIFEPATH 2065 G		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INST. TRUST COMPANY, N.A.		
c EIN-PN 84-1930938-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 702854
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BTC R1000 INDEX M		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INST. TRUST COMPANY, N.A.		
c EIN-PN 45-4425439-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 39451833
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BTC LIFEPATH 2035 G		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INST. TRUST COMPANY, N.A.		
c EIN-PN 45-2829211-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 14708298
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BTC LIFEPATH RET G		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INST. TRUST COMPANY, N.A.		
c EIN-PN 45-2837784-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3613769
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TRP STABLE VALUE A		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 52-1309931-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 11655371
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BTC R1000 VAL INDX T		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INST. TRUST COMPANY, N. A		
c EIN-PN 94-3405569-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 22766855
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BTC LIFEPATH 2060 G		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INST. TRUST COMPANY, N.A.		
c EIN-PN 47-2034946-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2541907
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BTC LIFEPATH 2025 G		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INST. TRUST COMPANY, N.A.		
c EIN-PN 45-2829112-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 7349332
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BTC LIFEPATH 2045 G		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BLACKROCK INST. TRUST COMPANY, N.A.		
c EIN-PN 45-2837638-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 14304298

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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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 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 AVANOS MEDICAL, INC. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 AVANOS MEDICAL, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 46-4987888	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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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)	606228	445882
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	386526	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	28189	120562
(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)	2236106	2091533
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	237263309	262740875
(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)	0	0
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	0	0
(15) Other	1c(15)	17757565	21754027

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	258277923	287152879
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	258277923	287152879

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)	6668874	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	12674446	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	1087468	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		20430788
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	0	
(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)	129009	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		129009
(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)	326608	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		326608
(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)		44035201
(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)		0
c Other income	2c		4207624
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		69129230

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	39913352	
(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)		39913352
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		19194
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		1033
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)	82534	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	237561	
(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)		320695
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		40254274

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		28874956
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: **MOORE COLSON**

(2) EIN: **58-1653941**

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?	☒		5000000
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.
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A Name of plan AVANOS MEDICAL, INC. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 AVANOS MEDICAL, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 46-4987888

Part I	Distributions
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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.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
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
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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
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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.
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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

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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) 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) 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)	14a 14b 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> .	



AVANOS MEDICAL, INC. 401(k) PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE
WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022
AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

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AVANOS MEDICAL, INC. 401(k) PLAN
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NDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Benefits Administration Committee of the
Avanos Medical, Inc. 401(k) Plan
Alpharetta, Georgia

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of the Avanos Medical, Inc. 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"), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's 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 ("DOL") 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 ("qualified institution"), provided that the investment information is prepared and certified to by the qualified institution in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

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 7 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 financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.
- the information in the financial statements referred to above 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. 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.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, and 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether 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 one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards, 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.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of 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 U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

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 U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

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, Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2023, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the DOL'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 generally accepted auditing standards. 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA (Continued)

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, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL'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).

Moore, Colson + Company, P.C.

Atlanta, Georgia
October 2, 2024

AVANOS MEDICAL, INC. 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE		\$ 284,615,464	\$ 255,049,063
RECEIVABLES:			
Participant contributions		-	386,526
Employer contributions		445,882	606,228
Notes receivable from participants		<u>2,091,533</u>	<u>2,236,106</u>
Total receivables		<u>2,537,415</u>	<u>3,228,860</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS		<u>\$ 287,152,879</u>	<u>\$ 258,277,923</u>

See notes to financial statements.

AVANOS MEDICAL, INC. 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:

Investment income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 48,242,825
Interest and dividends	<u>326,608</u>
Total investment income	<u>48,569,433</u>

Contributions:

Participants	12,674,446
Employer	6,668,874
Rollover	<u>1,087,468</u>
Total contributions	<u>20,430,788</u>

Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>129,009</u>
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Total additions	<u>69,129,230</u>
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DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:

Benefit payments to participants	(39,933,579)
Administrative expenses	<u>(320,695)</u>

Total deductions	<u>(40,254,274)</u>
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NET INCREASE	28,874,956
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	<u>258,277,923</u>
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, END OF THE YEAR	<u>\$ 287,152,879</u>
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See notes to financial statements.

AVANOS MEDICAL, INC. 401(k) PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022
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1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Avanos Medical, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the “Plan”) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

A. General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan sponsored by Avanos Medical, Inc. (also referred to as the “Company” or “Employer” or “Plan Sponsor”). The Plan covers substantially all employees of the Company and Adopting Employers, which represent subsidiaries and affiliates of the Company, upon their first day of employment with a participating unit. It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”). The Benefits Administration Committee oversees governance of the Plan, determines the appropriateness of the Plan’s investment offerings, and monitors investment performance.

Effective November 1, 2014, the Plan implemented a Safe Harbor plan design, as permitted by the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”), which exempts the Plan from certain compliance issues, primarily associated with non-discrimination testing issues.

B. Administration

Fidelity Management Trust Company serves as the Plan’s trustee and Fidelity Workplace Services LLC serves as the Plan’s record-keeper.

C. Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute up to 75% of annual compensation to the Plan on a pretax, after tax, or Roth basis, as defined in the Plan agreement. Participants who have attained age fifty before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan currently offers a money market fund, common collective trusts and self-directed brokerage accounts as investment options for participants. The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan, unless they affirmatively elect not to participate, with a default deferral rate set at 6% of eligible compensation automatically increased by 1% each year until reaching 10%. Contributions are automatically invested in a Target Date Fund until changed by the participant. The Company makes a safe harbor match contribution equal to 100% of the first 4% and 50% of the next 2% of annual compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan. Contributions are subject to certain statutory limitations.

The Plan provides for a safe harbor match true-up at the end of each year to ensure participants who have reached IRS and Plan employee contribution limits receive the full amount of match based on annual contribution amounts. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Plan reflected receivables of \$445,882 and \$409,084, respectively, related to the safe harbor match true-up that were deposited subsequent to year-end. The true-up receivables were reduced by \$-0- and \$7,784, respectively, from funds in a reserve account of Company contributions within the Plan.

AVANOS MEDICAL, INC. 401(k) PLAN
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1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

D. Participants' Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with (i) the participant's contributions, (ii) the Company's contributions, and (iii) the participant's account earnings. Each participant's account is charged with (i) the participant's withdrawals, (ii) the participant's account losses, and (iii) an allocation of administrative expenses. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account balance.

E. Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions and the Company's safe harbor matching contributions plus actual earnings thereon.

F. Payment of Benefits

A participant may withdraw up to a maximum of 100% of the pretax balance of participant contributions and rollover contributions, excluding certain earnings on pretax contributions, in the event of a participant's heavy and immediate financial hardship, as defined in the Plan agreement. Hardship distributions cannot exceed the amount of the participant's financial hardship and may not be repaid by the participant.

The Plan Administrator may be required by law to recognize obligations the participant incurs as a result of court-ordered support or alimony payments. The Plan Administrator must honor a qualified domestic relations order ("QDRO"). If a QDRO is received by the Plan Administrator, all or a portion of the participant's account balance may be used to satisfy the obligation.

In-service withdrawals of all or a portion of a participant's pretax and Roth contributions and the Company's safe harbor match balance may be withdrawn by a participant after reaching age fifty-nine and one-half. In-service withdrawals of all or a portion of a participant's rollover account balance may be withdrawn at any time. In-service withdrawals of a participant's after-tax contribution balance can only be made from contributions that have been in the Plan twenty-four months or longer.

Upon retirement, disability, or death, a participant or beneficiary may receive the value of the account through a lump sum distribution, installments over a period not to exceed the remaining life expectancy of the participant or his or her beneficiary, or direct rollover into an individual retirement account. Upon termination of service, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum distribution equal to the value of his or her account, or a direct rollover into an individual retirement account. In general, if a participant's account balance, as defined in the Plan agreement, is greater than \$5,000 and employment is terminated other than due to retirement or death, the account may not be distributed before normal retirement age without the participant's consent. Participants' account balances less than \$1,000 will be paid as a lump sum cash distribution. Participants' account balances between \$1,000 and \$5,000 will be paid as a direct rollover into an eligible individual retirement account.

Distributions from the Plan will normally be subject to income taxes and in certain circumstances may also be subject to IRS penalties, unless the distribution is transferred to another qualified plan or individual retirement account.

AVANOS MEDICAL, INC. 401(k) PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022
AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

G. Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum amount equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested balance. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates ranging from 4.25% to 9.50% at December 31, 2023, which are commensurate with local prevailing rates. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Basis of Accounting

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

B. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP") requires the Plan Administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

C. Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is 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. The Plan's Benefits Administration Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by its investment advisors and the trustee. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan's investments were deducted from income earned on a daily basis and are not separately reflected. Consequently, these management fees and operating expenses are reflected as a reduction of investment return for such investments.

D. Payment of Benefits

Benefit payments are recorded when paid by the Plan.

AVANOS MEDICAL, INC. 401(k) PLAN
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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are charged directly to the borrowing participant's account and are included in administrative expenses when incurred. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, no allowance for credit losses has been recorded. If a participant does not make loan repayments and the Plan Administrator considers the participant loan to be in default, the loan balance is reduced, and the delinquent participant note receivable is recorded as a benefit payment based on the terms of the Plan agreement.

F. Administrative Expenses

The Company pays certain administrative expenses on behalf of the Plan including legal, accounting, and Plan administration. Administrative expenses paid by the Plan totaled \$320,695 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

G. Risk and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near term would materially affect participant account balances and the amounts reported in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits.

H. Subsequent Events

Plan management has evaluated subsequent events through October 2, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The fair value measurement accounting literature establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy consists of three broad levels: Level 1 inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and have the highest priority. Level 2 inputs consist of observable inputs other than quoted prices for identical assets (Level 1). Level 3 inputs are unobservable and have the lowest priority. The Plan uses appropriate valuation techniques based on the available inputs to measure the fair value of its investments. When available, the Plan measures fair value using Level 1 inputs because they generally provide the most reliable evidence of fair value. Level 2 inputs are used for investments for which Level 1 inputs were not available. Level 3 inputs would be used if Level 1 or Level 2 inputs were not available. There are no Plan assets requiring the use of Level 3 inputs for the periods presented.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Money market fund: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund and classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. This fund is required to publish its daily net asset value ("NAV") and to transact at that price.

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3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

Common collective trusts: Valued at the NAV of the fund and classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy. The NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities, and then divided by the number of shares outstanding. The NAV, as provided by the trustee, is valued and published daily.

Self-directed brokerage accounts: Valued at fair value based on the quoted market value of the individual investments and classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. The self-directed brokerage accounts are primarily comprised of mutual funds, common stocks, and cash.

The methods described above may produce fair value calculations that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while Plan management 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.

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

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money market fund	\$ 120,562	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120,562
Common collective trusts	-	262,740,875	-	262,740,875
Self-directed brokerage accounts	21,754,027	-	-	21,754,027
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 21,874,589</u>	<u>\$ 262,740,875</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 284,615,464</u>

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common collective trusts	\$ -	\$ 237,291,498	\$ -	\$ 237,291,498
Self-directed brokerage accounts	17,757,565	-	-	17,757,565
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 17,757,565</u>	<u>\$ 237,291,498</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 255,049,063</u>

4. TAX STATUS

The Plan Sponsor entered into a nonstandardized adoption agreement of the Fidelity Investments Pre-Approved Defined Contribution Plan (the "Pre-Approved Plan"). The Pre-Approved Plan received a favorable opinion letter from the IRS on June 30, 2020, which stated that the Pre-Approved Plan and related trust were designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The Plan has been amended since receiving its latest opinion letter and has not obtained an updated opinion letter. However, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is designed and currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and that the Plan was qualified and tax exempt as of December 31, 2023, and has no income subject to unrelated business income tax. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

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4. TAX STATUS (Continued)

U.S. GAAP requires 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 IRS. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that as of December 31, 2023, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken. The Plan has recognized no interest or penalties related to uncertain tax positions. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

5. PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Fidelity Management Trust Company and Fidelity Workplace Services LLC perform services for, sell products to, and manage and maintain certain investments for the Plan for which fees are charged to the Plan. While the Plan pays most of these fees, a portion is paid by the Plan Sponsor. Party-in-interest transactions also include notes receivable from participants.

Such transactions, while considered party-in-interest transactions under ERISA regulations, are permitted under the provisions of the Plan and are specifically exempt from the prohibition of party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

6. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has expressed no intent 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 of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

7. INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY TRUSTEE (UNAUDITED)

The following information was certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee, in 2023 and 2022, as being complete and accurate:

- a. Information included in the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:
 - Investments at fair value
 - Notes receivable from participants
- b. Information included in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023:
 - Net appreciation in fair value of investments
 - Interest and dividends
 - Interest income on notes receivable from participants

Supplemental schedule:

Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) - Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4(i)

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

AVANOS MEDICAL, INC. 401(k) PLAN
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4(i)
DECEMBER 31, 2023

EIN: 46-4987888

Plan No.: 001

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, and Par or Maturity Value	Cost	Current Value
	Blackrock LifePath Index 2025 Non-Lendable Fund G	Common Collective Trust	**	\$ 7,349,332
	Blackrock LifePath Index 2030 Non-Lendable Fund G	Common Collective Trust	**	8,081,389
	Blackrock LifePath Index 2035 Non-Lendable Fund G	Common Collective Trust	**	14,708,298
	Blackrock LifePath Index 2040 Non-Lendable Fund G	Common Collective Trust	**	9,815,826
	Blackrock LifePath Index 2045 Non-Lendable Fund G	Common Collective Trust	**	14,304,298
	Blackrock LifePath Index 2050 Non-Lendable Fund G	Common Collective Trust	**	11,753,802
	Blackrock LifePath Index 2055 Non-Lendable Fund G	Common Collective Trust	**	7,797,099
	Blackrock LifePath Index 2060 Non-Lendable Fund G	Common Collective Trust	**	2,541,907
	Blackrock LifePath Index 2065 Non-Lendable Fund G	Common Collective Trust	**	702,854
	Blackrock LifePath Index Retirement - Non-Lendable Fund G	Common Collective Trust	**	3,613,769
	Blackrock ACWI EX-US Non-Lendable Fund R	Common Collective Trust	**	26,122,532
	Blackrock Russell 1000 Growth Index	Common Collective Trust	**	43,741,167
	Blackrock Russell 1000 Index M	Common Collective Trust	**	39,451,833
	Blackrock Russell 1000 Value Index T	Common Collective Trust	**	22,766,855
	Blackrock Russell 2000 Index	Common Collective Trust	**	14,138,472
	Blackrock US Debt Index Fund W	Common Collective Trust	**	24,196,071
	T. Rowe Price Stable Value A	Common Collective Trust	**	11,655,371
	Vanguard Treasury Money Market	Registered Investment Company	**	120,562
	Avanos Medical, Inc. Self-Directed Brokerage Accounts	Self-Directed Brokerage Accounts	**	21,754,027
*	Participant Loans	Interest Rates 4.25% to 9.50%	-0-	2,091,533
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See independent auditor's report.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE
WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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NDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Benefits Administration Committee of the
Avanos Medical, Inc. 401(k) Plan
Alpharetta, Georgia

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of the Avanos Medical, Inc. 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"), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's 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 ("DOL") 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 ("qualified institution"), provided that the investment information is prepared and certified to by the qualified institution in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

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 7 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 financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.
- the information in the financial statements referred to above 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. 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.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, and 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether 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 one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards, 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.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of 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 U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

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 U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

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, Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2023, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the DOL'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 generally accepted auditing standards. 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA (Continued)

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, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL'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).

Moore, Colson + Company, P.C.

Atlanta, Georgia
October 2, 2024

AVANOS MEDICAL, INC. 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE		\$ 284,615,464	\$ 255,049,063
RECEIVABLES:			
Participant contributions		-	386,526
Employer contributions		445,882	606,228
Notes receivable from participants		<u>2,091,533</u>	<u>2,236,106</u>
Total receivables		<u>2,537,415</u>	<u>3,228,860</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS		<u>\$ 287,152,879</u>	<u>\$ 258,277,923</u>

See notes to financial statements.

AVANOS MEDICAL, INC. 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:

Investment income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 48,242,825
Interest and dividends	<u>326,608</u>
Total investment income	<u>48,569,433</u>

Contributions:

Participants	12,674,446
Employer	6,668,874
Rollover	<u>1,087,468</u>
Total contributions	<u>20,430,788</u>

Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>129,009</u>
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Total additions	<u>69,129,230</u>
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DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:

Benefit payments to participants	(39,933,579)
Administrative expenses	<u>(320,695)</u>

Total deductions	<u>(40,254,274)</u>
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NET INCREASE	28,874,956
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	<u>258,277,923</u>
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, END OF THE YEAR	<u>\$ 287,152,879</u>
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See notes to financial statements.

AVANOS MEDICAL, INC. 401(k) PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022
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1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Avanos Medical, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the “Plan”) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

A. General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan sponsored by Avanos Medical, Inc. (also referred to as the “Company” or “Employer” or “Plan Sponsor”). The Plan covers substantially all employees of the Company and Adopting Employers, which represent subsidiaries and affiliates of the Company, upon their first day of employment with a participating unit. It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”). The Benefits Administration Committee oversees governance of the Plan, determines the appropriateness of the Plan’s investment offerings, and monitors investment performance.

Effective November 1, 2014, the Plan implemented a Safe Harbor plan design, as permitted by the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”), which exempts the Plan from certain compliance issues, primarily associated with non-discrimination testing issues.

B. Administration

Fidelity Management Trust Company serves as the Plan’s trustee and Fidelity Workplace Services LLC serves as the Plan’s record-keeper.

C. Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute up to 75% of annual compensation to the Plan on a pretax, after tax, or Roth basis, as defined in the Plan agreement. Participants who have attained age fifty before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan currently offers a money market fund, common collective trusts and self-directed brokerage accounts as investment options for participants. The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan, unless they affirmatively elect not to participate, with a default deferral rate set at 6% of eligible compensation automatically increased by 1% each year until reaching 10%. Contributions are automatically invested in a Target Date Fund until changed by the participant. The Company makes a safe harbor match contribution equal to 100% of the first 4% and 50% of the next 2% of annual compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan. Contributions are subject to certain statutory limitations.

The Plan provides for a safe harbor match true-up at the end of each year to ensure participants who have reached IRS and Plan employee contribution limits receive the full amount of match based on annual contribution amounts. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Plan reflected receivables of \$445,882 and \$409,084, respectively, related to the safe harbor match true-up that were deposited subsequent to year-end. The true-up receivables were reduced by \$-0- and \$7,784, respectively, from funds in a reserve account of Company contributions within the Plan.

AVANOS MEDICAL, INC. 401(k) PLAN
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1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

D. Participants' Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with (i) the participant's contributions, (ii) the Company's contributions, and (iii) the participant's account earnings. Each participant's account is charged with (i) the participant's withdrawals, (ii) the participant's account losses, and (iii) an allocation of administrative expenses. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account balance.

E. Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions and the Company's safe harbor matching contributions plus actual earnings thereon.

F. Payment of Benefits

A participant may withdraw up to a maximum of 100% of the pretax balance of participant contributions and rollover contributions, excluding certain earnings on pretax contributions, in the event of a participant's heavy and immediate financial hardship, as defined in the Plan agreement. Hardship distributions cannot exceed the amount of the participant's financial hardship and may not be repaid by the participant.

The Plan Administrator may be required by law to recognize obligations the participant incurs as a result of court-ordered support or alimony payments. The Plan Administrator must honor a qualified domestic relations order ("QDRO"). If a QDRO is received by the Plan Administrator, all or a portion of the participant's account balance may be used to satisfy the obligation.

In-service withdrawals of all or a portion of a participant's pretax and Roth contributions and the Company's safe harbor match balance may be withdrawn by a participant after reaching age fifty-nine and one-half. In-service withdrawals of all or a portion of a participant's rollover account balance may be withdrawn at any time. In-service withdrawals of a participant's after-tax contribution balance can only be made from contributions that have been in the Plan twenty-four months or longer.

Upon retirement, disability, or death, a participant or beneficiary may receive the value of the account through a lump sum distribution, installments over a period not to exceed the remaining life expectancy of the participant or his or her beneficiary, or direct rollover into an individual retirement account. Upon termination of service, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum distribution equal to the value of his or her account, or a direct rollover into an individual retirement account. In general, if a participant's account balance, as defined in the Plan agreement, is greater than \$5,000 and employment is terminated other than due to retirement or death, the account may not be distributed before normal retirement age without the participant's consent. Participants' account balances less than \$1,000 will be paid as a lump sum cash distribution. Participants' account balances between \$1,000 and \$5,000 will be paid as a direct rollover into an eligible individual retirement account.

Distributions from the Plan will normally be subject to income taxes and in certain circumstances may also be subject to IRS penalties, unless the distribution is transferred to another qualified plan or individual retirement account.

AVANOS MEDICAL, INC. 401(k) PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

G. Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum amount equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested balance. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates ranging from 4.25% to 9.50% at December 31, 2023, which are commensurate with local prevailing rates. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Basis of Accounting

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

B. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP") requires the Plan Administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

C. Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is 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. The Plan's Benefits Administration Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by its investment advisors and the trustee. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan's investments were deducted from income earned on a daily basis and are not separately reflected. Consequently, these management fees and operating expenses are reflected as a reduction of investment return for such investments.

D. Payment of Benefits

Benefit payments are recorded when paid by the Plan.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are charged directly to the borrowing participant's account and are included in administrative expenses when incurred. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, no allowance for credit losses has been recorded. If a participant does not make loan repayments and the Plan Administrator considers the participant loan to be in default, the loan balance is reduced, and the delinquent participant note receivable is recorded as a benefit payment based on the terms of the Plan agreement.

F. Administrative Expenses

The Company pays certain administrative expenses on behalf of the Plan including legal, accounting, and Plan administration. Administrative expenses paid by the Plan totaled \$320,695 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

G. Risk and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near term would materially affect participant account balances and the amounts reported in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits.

H. Subsequent Events

Plan management has evaluated subsequent events through October 2, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The fair value measurement accounting literature establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy consists of three broad levels: Level 1 inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and have the highest priority. Level 2 inputs consist of observable inputs other than quoted prices for identical assets (Level 1). Level 3 inputs are unobservable and have the lowest priority. The Plan uses appropriate valuation techniques based on the available inputs to measure the fair value of its investments. When available, the Plan measures fair value using Level 1 inputs because they generally provide the most reliable evidence of fair value. Level 2 inputs are used for investments for which Level 1 inputs were not available. Level 3 inputs would be used if Level 1 or Level 2 inputs were not available. There are no Plan assets requiring the use of Level 3 inputs for the periods presented.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Money market fund: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund and classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. This fund is required to publish its daily net asset value ("NAV") and to transact at that price.

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3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

Common collective trusts: Valued at the NAV of the fund and classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy. The NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities, and then divided by the number of shares outstanding. The NAV, as provided by the trustee, is valued and published daily.

Self-directed brokerage accounts: Valued at fair value based on the quoted market value of the individual investments and classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. The self-directed brokerage accounts are primarily comprised of mutual funds, common stocks, and cash.

The methods described above may produce fair value calculations that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while Plan management 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.

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

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money market fund	\$ 120,562	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120,562
Common collective trusts	-	262,740,875	-	262,740,875
Self-directed brokerage accounts	21,754,027	-	-	21,754,027
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 21,874,589</u>	<u>\$ 262,740,875</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 284,615,464</u>

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common collective trusts	\$ -	\$ 237,291,498	\$ -	\$ 237,291,498
Self-directed brokerage accounts	17,757,565	-	-	17,757,565
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 17,757,565</u>	<u>\$ 237,291,498</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 255,049,063</u>

4. TAX STATUS

The Plan Sponsor entered into a nonstandardized adoption agreement of the Fidelity Investments Pre-Approved Defined Contribution Plan (the "Pre-Approved Plan"). The Pre-Approved Plan received a favorable opinion letter from the IRS on June 30, 2020, which stated that the Pre-Approved Plan and related trust were designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The Plan has been amended since receiving its latest opinion letter and has not obtained an updated opinion letter. However, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is designed and currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and that the Plan was qualified and tax exempt as of December 31, 2023, and has no income subject to unrelated business income tax. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

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4. TAX STATUS (Continued)

U.S. GAAP requires 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 IRS. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that as of December 31, 2023, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken. The Plan has recognized no interest or penalties related to uncertain tax positions. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

5. PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Fidelity Management Trust Company and Fidelity Workplace Services LLC perform services for, sell products to, and manage and maintain certain investments for the Plan for which fees are charged to the Plan. While the Plan pays most of these fees, a portion is paid by the Plan Sponsor. Party-in-interest transactions also include notes receivable from participants.

Such transactions, while considered party-in-interest transactions under ERISA regulations, are permitted under the provisions of the Plan and are specifically exempt from the prohibition of party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

6. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has expressed no intent 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 of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

7. INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY TRUSTEE (UNAUDITED)

The following information was certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee, in 2023 and 2022, as being complete and accurate:

- a. Information included in the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:
 - Investments at fair value
 - Notes receivable from participants
- b. Information included in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023:
 - Net appreciation in fair value of investments
 - Interest and dividends
 - Interest income on notes receivable from participants

Supplemental schedule:

Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) - Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4(i)

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

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DECEMBER 31, 2023

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Plan No.: 001

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, and Par or Maturity Value	Cost	Current Value
	Blackrock LifePath Index 2025 Non-Lendable Fund G	Common Collective Trust	**	\$ 7,349,332
	Blackrock LifePath Index 2030 Non-Lendable Fund G	Common Collective Trust	**	8,081,389
	Blackrock LifePath Index 2035 Non-Lendable Fund G	Common Collective Trust	**	14,708,298
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	Blackrock LifePath Index 2065 Non-Lendable Fund G	Common Collective Trust	**	702,854
	Blackrock LifePath Index Retirement - Non-Lendable Fund G	Common Collective Trust	**	3,613,769
	Blackrock ACWI EX-US Non-Lendable Fund R	Common Collective Trust	**	26,122,532
	Blackrock Russell 1000 Growth Index	Common Collective Trust	**	43,741,167
	Blackrock Russell 1000 Index M	Common Collective Trust	**	39,451,833
	Blackrock Russell 1000 Value Index T	Common Collective Trust	**	22,766,855
	Blackrock Russell 2000 Index	Common Collective Trust	**	14,138,472
	Blackrock US Debt Index Fund W	Common Collective Trust	**	24,196,071
	T. Rowe Price Stable Value A	Common Collective Trust	**	11,655,371
	Vanguard Treasury Money Market	Registered Investment Company	**	120,562
	Avanos Medical, Inc. Self-Directed Brokerage Accounts	Self-Directed Brokerage Accounts	**	21,754,027
*	Participant Loans	Interest Rates 4.25% to 9.50%	-0-	2,091,533
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