

<p style="text-align: center;">Form 5500</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">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).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: large;">2023</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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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) _____

B This return/report is: the first return/report the final return/report

an amended return/report a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

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

D Check box if filing under: Form 5558 automatic extension the DFVC program

special extension (enter description) _____

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

<p>1a Name of plan <u>SURGERY PARTNERS MEP 401(K) PLAN</u></p>	<p>1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u></p>
<p>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) <u>SP PRACTICE MANAGEMENT, LLC</u></p> <p><u>40 BURTON HILLS BLVD #500</u> <u>NASHVILLE, TN 37215</u></p>	<p>1c Effective date of plan <u>04/01/2017</u></p> <p>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>47-5648184</u></p> <p>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>615-234-5900</u></p> <p>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>621111</u></p>

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/15/2024	HOLLI BONEE
	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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>																																	
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																																	
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8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
 3H 2K 2T 3B 2E 2F 3D 2G 2J 2U

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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> 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)

<p>a Pension Schedules</p> <p>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information)</p> <p>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary</p> <p>(3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary</p> <p>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> DCG (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____</p> <p>(5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)</p>	<p>b General Schedules</p> <p>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information)</p> <p>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information – Small Plan)</p> <p>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u> 1 </u></p> <p>(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information)</p> <p>(5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information)</p> <p>(6) <input type="checkbox"/> G (Financial Transaction Schedules)</p>
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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 A
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance Information

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

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

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

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A Name of plan SURGERY PARTNERS MEP 401(K) PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SP PRACTICE MANAGEMENT, LLC		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 47-5648184	

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

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
06-1050034	93629	63932	0	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

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

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

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

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

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

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

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier **6b**

c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year..... **6c**

d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. **6d**
 Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) individual policies (2) group deferred annuity
 (3) other (specify) ▶

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

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

- a** Type of contract: (1) deposit administration (2) immediate participation guarantee
 (3) guaranteed investment (4) other ▶ ANNUITY

b Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	3244214
c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	-31989
(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)	0
(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	84
(4) Transferred from separate account.....	7c(4)	0
(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	236380
▶ OTHER INCOME		
(6) Total additions	7c(6)	204475
d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	3448689
e Deductions:		
(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	605536
(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	26728
(3) Transferred to separate account.....	7e(3)	0
(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	2816425
▶ OTHER EXPENSES		
(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	3448689
f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	0

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received		9a(1)	
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid.....		9a(2)	
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve		9a(3)	
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....		9a(4)	0
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....		9b(1)	
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves		9b(2)	
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....		9b(3)	0
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies.....	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention	9c(1)(H)		0
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.)		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves.....		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount	10b	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	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.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SP PRACTICE MANAGEMENT, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 47-5648184	

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

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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 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	60637	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(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?
10	ACCOUNTANT/A UDITOR	20000	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(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?
27	ADVISOR	19767	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
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SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	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 <hr/> 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>SP PRACTICE MANAGEMENT, LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>47-5648184</u>	

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>GG BR LIFEPATH 2025</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>GREAT GRAY TRUST COMPANY, LLC</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>26-3773730-154</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>GG BR LIFEPATH 2045</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>GREAT GRAY TRUST COMPANY, LLC</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>26-3770058-150</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>GG BR LIFEPATH 2050</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>GREAT GRAY TRUST COMPANY, LLC</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>26-3763061-149</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>GG BR LIFEPATH RET</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>GREAT GRAY TRUST COMPANY, LLC</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>26-3773846-157</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>GG BR LIFEPATH 2030</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>GREAT GRAY TRUST COMPANY, LLC</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>26-3770302-153</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>GG BR LIFEPATH 2035</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>GREAT GRAY TRUST COMPANY, LLC</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>26-3770263-152</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>GG BR LIFEPATH 2040</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>GREAT GRAY TRUST COMPANY, LLC</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>26-3770208-151</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: GG BR LIFEPATH 2055

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY TRUST COMPANY, LLC

c EIN-PN 46-3302432-178	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: GG BR LIFEPATH 2060

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY TRUST COMPANY, LLC

c EIN-PN 47-2700166-158	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WT BR LIFEPATH 2065

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY TRUST COMPANY, LLC

c EIN-PN 38-4126295-598	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	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
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A Name of plan SURGERY PARTNERS MEP 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SP PRACTICE MANAGEMENT, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 47-5648184	

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.

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
Assets			
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	0
(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)	116819	0
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	13270406	0
(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)	15151415	0
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	3244214	0
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	31782854	0
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	31782854	0

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)	725467	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	1657328	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	310709	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	2693504
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		
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)	11129	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	61948	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		73077
(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)	659005	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C)	2b(2)(D)		659005
(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)		1998633
(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)		2616608
c Other income.....	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		8040827

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	5339564	
(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)		5339564
f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		1730
h Interest expense.....	2h		0
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances.....	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	0	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	60637	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	20000	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees.....	2i(5)	19767	
(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)		100404
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		5441698

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		2599129
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		733510
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		35115493

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: **LBMC**

(2) EIN: **62-1199757**

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.)		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
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.)		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		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?		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	X		
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	X		
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	X		

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)
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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) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	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.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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A Name of plan <u>SURGERY PARTNERS MEP 401(K) PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>SP PRACTICE MANAGEMENT, LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>47-5648184</u>	

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): <u>04-6568107</u>		
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)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.			
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.			
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14b	
c The second preceding plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....	14c	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702438A.

<p>SCHEDULE MEP (Form 5500)</p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p>	<p>MULTIPLE-EMPLOYER RETIREMENT PLAN INFORMATION</p> <p>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)</p> <p>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</p>	<p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">2023</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2023** and ending **12/31/2023**

<p>A Name of plan SURGERY PARTNERS MEP 401(K) PLAN</p>	<p>B Three-digit Plan number (PN) ▶</p>	<p>001</p>
<p>C Plan administrator's name as shown on line 3a of Form 5500/Form 5500-SF SP PRACTICE MANAGEMENT, LLC</p>	<p>D Administrator's EIN 47-5648184</p>	

Part I Type of Multiple-Employer Pension Plan. All multiple-employer pension plans must complete.

1 Check the appropriate box to indicate type of multiple-employer pension plan. (Only defined contribution plans may check lines 1a, 1b, and 1c. Defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans not checking lines 1a, 1b, or 1c should check line 1d. See Instructions).

- a** association retirement plan (See 29 CFR 2510.3-55) (Complete Part II)
- b** professional employer organization plan (PEO Plan) (See 29 CFR 29 CFR 2510.3-55) (Complete Part II)
- c** pooled employer plan (PEP) (See 29 CFR 2510.3-44) (Complete Parts II and III)
- d** other multiple-employer pension plan (Describe) _____ (Complete Part II)

Part II Participating Employer Information.

2 All multiple-employer pension plans that are subject to section 210(a) of ERISA (see instructions for filing the Form 5500) must complete Part II, in addition to Part I, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information for each employer participating in the multiple-employer pension plan. **Defined contribution plans must complete lines 2a-2d. All other multiple-employer pension plans complete lines 2a-2c only. Complete as many entries as needed to list the required information for each participating employer that is not an individual person (see instructions).**

2a Name of Participating Employer GEORGIA BONE & JOINT LLC	2b EIN 58-2614918	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year 50.38	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer 0
2a Name of Participating Employer SOUTH SOUND NEUROSURGERY	2b EIN 26-0024263	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year 13.86	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer 0

CAUTION Do not individually list information for working owners (see instructions and 29 CFR 2510.3-55(d)(2)) or other individuals who are participants or beneficiaries in the plan or arrangement that are no longer associated with a particular participating employer or participating employer plan (see instructions). Providing identifying information for individuals may result in rejection of this filing. If there are any such individuals in the plan, answer "Yes" to line 2e and provide the total information for all such individuals, without providing names or other identifying information.

2e Does the plan include any individuals not participating through an employer or who are individual working owners?	2e	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
2f If you answer "Yes" in line 2e, enter a good faith estimate of the percentage of total contributions made by all such individuals that are not listed on line 2a during the plan year.	2f	
2g If you answer "Yes" in Line 2e, enter the aggregate account balances for all such individuals that are not listed on line 2a.	2g	

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Part II Participating Employer Information (Continued).

Use this page for additional participating employer information.

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2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
NORTHSHORE SURGI CENTER	11-2966356	9.86	0
UNIVERSAL PAIN SPECIALISTS	46-2058536	6.21	0
SOUTHEAST EYE SURGERY CENTER, P.C., DBA OMNI EYE	58-2561240	6.13	0
GASTRO OPERATING COMPANY, LLC (AKA MEADOWBROOK)	20-2432134	4.53	0
SP GAINSVILLE MANAGEMENT LLC	83-3453562	3.09	0
AFSHIN GERAYLI MDA PROFESSIONAL CORP	33-0925088	1.6	0
LEBANON PAIN RELIEF CENTER, PC	45-3681199	1.43	0
UNIVERSAL MANAGEMENT LLC	61-2013509	1.22	
SP NORTH SHORE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ORGAN	87-3457842	1.2	0

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Part II Participating Employer Information (Continued).

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2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
BROOKLYN SC LLC	27-2745269	0.49	0
2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
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Part III	Pooled Employer Plan Information
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Line 3. All Pooled employer plans must answer all of the questions in Part III, in addition to completing all of Parts I and II.

3a Is the pooled plan provider (identified as the plan sponsor and administrator in Part II of the Form 5500) currently in compliance with the Form PR (Pooled Plan Provider Registration Statement) requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2510.3-44) Yes No

3b If line 3a is "Yes", enter the ACK ID for the most recent Form PR that was required to be filed under the Form PR filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid ACK ID will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)
ACK ID _____

SURGERY PARTNERS MEP 401(K) PLAN

Financial Statements

December 31, 2023 and 2022

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)



SURGERY PARTNERS MEP 401(K) PLAN

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Independent Auditors' Report

The Plan Administrator
Surgery Partners MEP 401(k) Plan:

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of the Surgery Partners MEP 401(k) Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, 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, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

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

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report,

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").
- the information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management has determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' 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 GAAP, 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.

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.

Auditors' 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 auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, there is substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certifications, 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 GAAP.

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 GAAP.

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 audits.

LBMC, PC

Brentwood, Tennessee
October 14, 2024

SURGERY PARTNERS MEP 401(K) PLAN

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets:		
Investments, at fair value:		
Mutual funds	\$ -	\$ 15,151,415
Collective trust funds	-	13,270,406
Guaranteed investment contract, at contract value	<u>-</u>	<u>3,244,214</u>
Total investments	<u>-</u>	<u>31,666,035</u>
Receivables:		
Plan Sponsor contributions	-	14,944
Participant contributions	-	36,661
Notes receivable from participants	<u>-</u>	<u>116,819</u>
Total receivables	<u>-</u>	<u>168,424</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 31,834,459</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

SURGERY PARTNERS MEP 401(K) PLAN

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year ended December 31, 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Additions (reductions) to net assets attributed to:		
Net change resulting from investment activity:		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value and contract value of investments	\$ 4,674,634	\$ (4,398,924)
Interest and dividend income	<u>660,557</u>	<u>473,444</u>
Net change resulting from investment activity	<u>5,335,191</u>	<u>(3,925,480)</u>
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>11,214</u>	<u>2,229</u>
Contributions:		
Plan Sponsor	710,523	741,495
Participants	1,620,667	1,016,800
Rollovers	<u>435,285</u>	<u>121,642</u>
Total contributions	<u>2,766,475</u>	<u>1,879,937</u>
Net additions (reductions)	<u>8,112,880</u>	<u>(2,043,314)</u>
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Benefits paid	5,339,776	1,133,955
Administrative expenses	<u>100,404</u>	<u>40,300</u>
Total deductions	<u>5,440,180</u>	<u>1,174,255</u>
Net increase (decrease)	2,672,700	(3,217,569)
Transfer of assets into the Plan (Note 1a)	608,934	14,028,968
Transfer of assets out of the Plan (Note 1a)	<u>(35,116,093)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	<u>31,834,459</u>	<u>21,023,060</u>
Net assets available for benefits at end of year	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>31,834,459</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

SURGERY PARTNERS MEP 401(K) PLAN

Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2023 and 2022

(1) Description of plan

The following description of the Surgery Partners MEP 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 was a multiple-employer plan which was established to provide retirement benefits for employees of SP Practice Management, LLC (the "Plan Sponsor") and certain affiliated entities as defined in the plan document. The Plan covered substantially all full-time employees who have completed one year of service. The Plan was subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

Employees eligible to participate in the Plan were those employees of Afshin Gerayli MDA Professional Corp, Ashville Pain Care Relief Center, PC, Consultants in Pain Medicine, Denver Pain Relief Center, PC, Family Vision Care, LLC, Gastro Operating Company, LLC (aka Meadowbrook), Georgia Bone & Joint, LLC, Lebanon Pain Relief Center, PC, North Shore Surgi-Center-ASC, SP New York Support LLC, SP North Shore Administrative Services Organization LLC, South Sound Neurosurgery, Southeast Eye Surgery Center, P.C., and Universal Spine & Joint Specialists, LLC (collectively, the "Employers"). Participants should refer to the Plan document of each Employer to determine the eligibility requirements of the Plan as adopted by the respective Employer.

In 2022, the Plan Sponsor acquired three entities, North Shore Surgi Center, Inc., Georgia Bone & Joint, LLC and Gastro Operating Company, LLC. As part of three acquisitions, effective July 1, 2022, September 1, 2022, and September 21, 2022, \$3,953,470 of participant assets from the North Shore Surgi Center Inc. 401(K) Plan, \$9,024,349 from a portion of the Georgia Bone & Joint, LLC 401(K) Profit Sharing Plan, and \$1,051,149 from a portion of the Gastro Operating Company, LLC Employees' 401(K) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust, respectively, were transferred out of these plans and into the Plan.

During 2022, the Plan Sponsor acquired Universal Pain Specialists. As a part of the acquisition, effective January 1, 2023, participant accounts were transferred out of the Universal Pain Specialists 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan & Trust into the Plan. This transfer totaled approximately \$609,000.

Effective December 31, 2023, the Surgery Partners MEP 401(k) Plan merged into the Surgery Partners 401(k) Plan and transferred assets totaling \$35,116,093.

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(b) Contributions

Eligible participants could voluntarily make qualified retirement contributions to the Plan which were deductible by the participants for federal income tax purposes under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") or could make after-tax in the form of a Roth 401(k) contribution. Participants could also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans. Participant contributions were permitted up to 100% of compensation, subject to certain IRC limits.

The Plan Sponsor could make safe harbor matching contributions equal to 100% of each participant's contributions up to 3% of compensation, and 50% of each participant's contributions exceeding 3% up to 5% of compensation.

The Plan Sponsor could decide to make a discretionary matching contribution to the Plan each year equal to an amount determined by the Plan Sponsor. The Plan Sponsor did not make a discretionary matching contribution for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

The Plan Sponsor could decide to make a discretionary matching contribution each year equal to an amount determined by the Plan Sponsor. To receive the discretionary matching contribution, participants must have completed 1,000 hours of service during the plan year and be employed as of the last day of the plan year. The Plan Sponsor made discretionary nonelective matching contributions totaling \$294,171 for the year ended December 31, 2022. There were no discretionary nonelective matching contributions made by the Plan Sponsor for the year ended December 31, 2023. Plan Sponsor contributions could not exceed the maximum amount deductible for federal income tax purposes.

(c) Participant accounts

Each participant's account was credited (charged) with the participant's contributions, Plan Sponsor contributions, allocations of investment earnings (losses) and administrative expenses. Allocations were based on participant compensation or account balances as defined in the plan agreement. The benefit to which a participant was entitled was the benefit that could be provided from the participant's vested account balance.

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(d) Vesting

Participants were immediately vested in their elective salary deferral contributions and safe harbor matching contributions plus actual earnings (losses) thereon. Vesting in Plan Sponsor discretionary contributions were based on years of continuous service. Participants' Plan Sponsor discretionary contributions vesting varies by type of matching contribution. Most Plan Sponsor discretionary contributions vested 20% after one year of service and 20% each year thereafter until they become 100% vested after five years of service, others vested over a six year period, 20% after the second year of service and 20% each year thereafter until they become 100% vested, others vested immediately. Participants should refer to the plan document.

(e) Notes receivable from participants

Each participant could borrow from their fund accounts an amount equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of his or her nonforfeitable account balance. The maximum length of a loan was five years unless the loan was related to a mortgage on a principal residence. The notes were secured by the balances in the participants' respective accounts and bore interest at fixed rates ranging from 4.25% to 8.25%, which were commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined quarterly by the Plan Administrator. Principal and interest were collected ratably through payroll deductions.

(f) Payment of benefits

On termination of service due to death, permanent disability, or retirement, a participant with an account balance could elect to receive a lump-sum payment equal to his or her entire account. For termination of service due to other reasons, a participant with an account balance could be entitled to receive only the vested interest in his or her account as either a lump-sum distribution paid directly to the participant, a direct rollover distribution, or in installment distributions.

(g) Forfeited accounts

Forfeitures were created when participants terminate employment prior to becoming fully vested in the Plan Sponsor's discretionary contribution portion of their accounts. Such forfeitures were utilized to reduce Plan expenses or reduce the Plan Sponsor's future contributions to the Plan. At December 31, 2022, forfeited nonvested accounts total approximately \$435,000. For the years ended December 31 2023, and 2022, forfeitures of approximately \$22,000 and \$2,000, respectively, were used to reduce plan expenses. Unused forfeitures of approximately \$352,000 were transferred to the Surgery Partners 401(k) Plan during 2023 (Note 1a).

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(h) Hardship withdrawals

The Plan permitted distributions in the event of a hardship, as defined in the Plan agreement. These distributions were taxable and subject to a tax penalty equal to 10% of the hardship distribution amount if a participant is younger than age 59½. Hardship withdrawals were limited to the participant's elective account balance.

(i) Administrative expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan were paid directly by the Plan Sponsor and are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the processing of distributions and notes receivable from participants were included in administrative expenses and charged directly to the applicable participants' accounts. Investment related expenses were included in net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value or contract value of investments.

(2) Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

(b) Investment valuation and income recognition

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value or contract value as reported by Fidelity Management Trust Company ("Fidelity"). Fair value or contract 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. See Notes 4 and 5 for discussion of investment valuations.

Purchases and sales of securities were recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income was recorded on the accrual basis. Dividend income was recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) included the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

(c) Notes receivable from participants

Notes receivable from participants were measured at their unpaid principal balances plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant notes receivable were reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the plan agreement.

(d) Payment of benefits

Benefits were recorded when paid.

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(e) Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(f) Events occurring after reporting date

The Plan Sponsor has evaluated events and transactions that occurred between December 31, 2023 and October 14, 2024, which is the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, for possible recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

(3) Certified information

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants reported and disclosed in the accompanying financial statements, including the fair value and contract value of investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value or contract value of investments, interest and dividend income, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, was obtained or derived from certified information supplied to the plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity.

(4) Fair value measurements

The Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 820, *Fair Value Measurements*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described below:

Level 1 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

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

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

- (i) *Mutual funds*: Valued at the net asset value ("NAV") of shares held by the Plan at year-end in an active market.
- (ii) *Collective trust funds*: Stated at fair value based on the net asset value of the underlying assets owned by the trust. Net asset values are reported by the fund and are supported by the unit prices of actual purchases and sales transactions occurring as of or close to the financial statement date. Net asset value is a readily determinable fair value and is the basis for current transactions. The investment has no unfunded commitments and is redeemable with a 12-month notification period.

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

The following table set forth by level the Plan's assets within the fair value hierarchy as of December 31, 2022.

Fair Value Measurements as of December 31, 2022 using the following inputs

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds, at fair value	\$ 15,151,415	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,151,415
Collective trust funds, at fair value	<u>-</u>	<u>13,270,406</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,270,406</u>
Investments, at fair value	<u>\$ 15,151,415</u>	<u>\$ 13,270,406</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 28,421,821</u>

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(5) Investment contract with insurance company

The Plan also held a traditional benefit-responsive investment contract with an insurance company, Empower Annuity Insurance Company ("Empower"), totaling \$3,244,214 as of December 31, 2022. The Plan's contributions were maintained by Empower in general accounts which were credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The guaranteed investment contract issuer was contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that was guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate was reviewed on a semi-annual basis for resetting, but could not be less than 1.5%. The guaranteed investment contract did not permit the insurance companies to terminate the agreements prior to the scheduled maturity dates.

The contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by Empower, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants could ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due was dependent on the issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations could be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

(6) Income tax status

The Plan Sponsor adopted a non-standardized pre-approved profit sharing plan, which received a favorable opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") on June 30, 2020, which stated that the pre-approved plan was designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the IRC. The Plan itself did not receive a determination letter from the IRS stating that the Plan was qualified under Section 401(a) of the IRC. The Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter. However, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and was therefore, qualified and exempt from taxation.

(7) Party-in-interest transactions

Plan investments included shares of mutual funds managed by Fidelity and, therefore, these transactions qualified as party-in-interest transactions under ERISA. As described in Note 1, the Plan paid expenses to various service providers and held notes receivable from participants which also qualified as party-in-interest transactions.

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(8) Reconciliation of financial statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500 as of December 31, 2022:

Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 31,834,459
Plan Sponsor contributions receivable	(14,944)
Participant contributions receivable	<u>(36,661)</u>
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ 31,782,854</u>

The following is a reconciliation of the change in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Change in net assets available for benefits per financial statements	\$ 2,672,700	\$ (3,217,569)
Change in participant contributions receivable	36,661	(17,208)
Change in Plan Sponsor contributions receivable	14,944	(11,194)
Rollovers classified as transfers per Form 5500	(124,576)	-
Transfers classified as distribution per Form 5500	(600)	-
Rounding	<u>-</u>	<u>2,300</u>
Change in net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ 2,599,129</u>	<u>\$ (3,243,671)</u>

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The following is a reconciliation of the transfer of assets into the Plan per the financial statements to the Form 5500 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Transfer into the Plan per the financial statements	\$ 608,934	\$ 14,028,968
Rollovers classified as transfers per Form 5500	124,576	-
Rounding	-	<u>(2,300)</u>
Transfer into the Plan per Form 5500	<u>\$ 733,510</u>	<u>\$ 14,026,668</u>

The following is a reconciliation of the transfer of assets from the Plan per the financial statements to the Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2023:

Transfer into the Plan per the financial statements	\$ 35,116,093
Transfer clasified as distribution per Form 5500	<u>(600)</u>
Transfer into the Plan per Form 5500	<u>\$ 35,115,493</u>

(9) Risks and uncertainties

The Plan utilized various investments. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' accounts balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.