Form 5500-SF

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Short Form Annual Return/Report of Small Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed 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-SF.**

OMB Nos. 1210-0110
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2025

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

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B This return/report is [ ] the first return/report [ ] the final return/report
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C Check box if filing under: [X] Form 5558 [ ] automatic extension [ ] DFVC program
[ ] special extension (enter description)

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

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
EAST CAROLINA ANESTHESIA ASSOCIATES, PLLC CASH BALANCE PENSION PLAN II

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2021

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)
EAST CAROLINA ANESTHESIA ASSOCIATES, PLLC

2430 EMERALD PLACE, SUITE 201
GREENVILLE, NC 27834

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 20-1442673

2c Sponsor's telephone number 252-752-2140

2d Business code (see instructions) 621111

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

3b Administrator's EIN

3c Administrator's telephone number

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

4b EIN

4d PN

5a Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5a**	57
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SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/12/2026	DOUGLAS FRANKEY
	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

6a Were all of the plan's assets during the plan year invested in eligible assets? (See instructions.) [X] Yes [ ] No

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c If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? [X] Yes [ ] No [ ] Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year 573415. (See instructions.)

Part III Financial Information

7 Plan Assets and Liabilities		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total plan assets	7a	15882499	14141248
b Total plan liabilities	7b		
c Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	15882499	14141248
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		**(a) Amount**	**(b) Total**
a Contributions received or receivable from: (1) Employers	8a(1)	989473	
(2) Participants	8a(2)		
(3) Others (including rollovers)	8a(3)		
b Other income (loss)	8b	1442757	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		2432230
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	4134988	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions)	8e		
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f	38493	
g Other expenses	8g		
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h		4173481
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		-1741251
j Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	8j		

Part IV Plan Characteristic Codes

9a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:
1B 1C 1I 3D

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

Part V Compliance Questions

10 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)	10a		X	
b Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 10a.)	10b		X	
c Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?	10c	X		500000
d Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	10d		X	
e Were any fees or commissions paid to any brokers, agents, or other persons by an insurance carrier, insurance service, or other organization that provides some or all of the benefits under the plan? (See instructions.)	10e		X	
f Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	10f		X	
g Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.)	10g		X	
h If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	10h			
i If 10h was answered "Yes," check the box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	10i			

Part VI Pension Funding Compliance

11 Is this a defined benefit plan subject to minimum funding requirements? (If "Yes," see instructions and complete Schedule SB (Form 5500) and lines 11a and b below.) If this is a defined contribution pension plan, leave line 11 blank and complete line 12 below. [X] Yes [ ] No

a Enter the unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 | **11a** | 0

b **PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If the plan is covered by PBGC and the amount reported on line 11a is greater than $0, 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 _____

12 Is this a defined contribution plan subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Code or section 302 of ERISA? (If "Yes," complete line 12a or lines 12b, 12c, 12d, and 12e below, as applicable.) If this is a defined benefit pension plan, leave line 12 blank and complete line 11 above. [ ] Yes [ ] No

a 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 letter ruling granting the waiver. Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 12a, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB (Form 5500), and skip to line 13.

b Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year	**12b**	
c Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	**12c**	
d Subtract the amount in line 12c from the amount in line 12b. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	**12d**	
e Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 12d be met by the funding deadline?		[ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] N/A

Part VII Plan Terminations and Transfers of Assets

13a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted in any plan year?		[ ] Yes [X] No
a If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year	**13a**	
b Were all the plan assets distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		[ ] Yes [X] No

c 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.)

13c(1) Name of plan(s):	**13c(2)** EIN(s)	**13c(3)** PN(s)

Part VIII IRS Compliance Questions

14a 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? [X] Yes [ ] No

14b 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
- [X] N/A

15 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 02 / 28 / 2023 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q705199A.

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500)

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Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

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▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**

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EAST CAROLINA ANESTHESIA ASSOCIATES, PLLC CASH BALANCE PENSION PLAN II

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF
EAST CAROLINA ANESTHESIA ASSOCIATES, PLLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
20-1442673

E Type of plan: [X] Single [ ] Multiple-A [ ] Multiple-B

F Prior year plan size: [X] 100 or fewer [ ] 101-500 [ ] More than 500

Part I Basic Information

1 Enter the valuation date: Month 01 Day 01 Year 2025

2 Assets:

a Market value	**2a**	15877894
b Actuarial value	**2b**	15877894

3 Funding target/participant count breakdown

	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	0	0	0
b For terminated vested participants	4	543118	543118
c For active participants	53	13123298	13123298
d Total	57	13666416	13666416

4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) [ ]

a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	**4a**	
b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	**4b**	

5 Effective interest rate	**5**	5.24 %
6 Target normal cost		
a Present value of current plan year accruals	**6a**	887587
b Expected plan-related expenses	**6b**	43833
c Target normal cost	**6c**	931420

Statement by Enrolled Actuary

To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE

Signature of actuary

10/08/2026
Date

JASON LEE, EA
Type or print name of actuary

26-08586
Most recent enrollment number

FUTUREPLAN BY ASCENSUS
Firm name

818-995-6100
Telephone number (including area code)

P.O. BOX 219073
KANSAS CITY, MO 64121
Address of the firm

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions [ ]

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances

		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	0
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	0
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of 6.38 %	0	0
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
a	Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		1866690
b(1)	Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of 4.96 %		92588
b(2)	Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
c	Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		1959278
d	Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	0

Part III Funding Percentages

14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	116.18 %
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	116.18 %
16	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	112.47 %
17	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls

18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:

(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
04/15/2025	846088	0			
04/21/2025	32000	0			
05/04/2026	111385	0			
			Totals ► 18(b)	989473	18(c) 0

19	Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:		
a	Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years	19a	0
b	Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b	0
c	Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c	969409

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? ☐ Yes ☐ No

c If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year

(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost

21 Discount rate:

a Segment rates:	1st segment: 5.00 %	2nd segment: 5.27 %	3rd segment: 5.50 %	☐ N/A, full yield curve used

b Applicable month (enter code)	**21b**	0
22 Weighted average retirement age	**22**	64

23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions) ☒ Prescribed - combined ☐ Prescribed - separate ☐ Substitute

Part VI Miscellaneous Items

24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment	☐ Yes	☒ No
25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment	☐ Yes	☒ No

26 Demographic and benefit information

a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment	☒ Yes	☐ No
b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment	☐ Yes	☒ No

27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment	**27**	

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years

28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years	**28**	0
29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a)	**29**	0
30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29)	**30**	0

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):

a Target normal cost (line 6c)	**31a**	931420
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	**31b**	931420

32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment
a Net shortfall amortization installment	0	0
b Waiver amortization installment	0	0

33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____)_and the waived amount	**33**	
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)	**34**	0

	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	0	0

36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	**36**	0
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	**37**	969409

38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)

a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	**38a**	969409
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	**38b**	0
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)	**39**	0
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years	**40**	0

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)

41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. ☐ 2019 ☐ 2020 ☐ 2021

ATTACHMENT TO 2025 SCHEDULE SB (FORM 5500)

East Carolina Anesthesia Associates, PLLC Cash Balance Pension Plan II
EIN/PN: 20-1442673 / 004

Line 26 - Schedule of Active Participant Data

	YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE																			
	Under 1		1 to 4		5 to 9		10 to 14		15 to 19		20 to 24		25 to 29		30 to 34		35 to 39		40 & up		
Attained Age	No.	Avg Comp	No.	Avg Comp	No.	Avg Comp	No.	Avg Comp	No.	Avg Comp	No.	Avg Comp	No.	Avg Comp	No.	Avg Comp	No.	Avg Comp	No.	Avg Comp	Total
Under 25																					
25 to 29			1																		**1**
30 to 34																					
35 to 39			2																		**2**
40 to 44			1		5																**6**
45 to 49			1		7		1														**9**
50 to 54			2		2		1		4												**9**
55 to 59					6				4												**10**
60 to 64					6				2												**8**
65 to 69					2				4												**6**
70 & up					1				1												**2**
Total			**7**		**29**		**2**		**15**												**53**

EAST CAROLINA ANESTHESIA ASSOCIATES, PLLC
CASH BALANCE PENSION PLAN II
EIN 20-1442673 Plan Number 004

Schedule SB, Part V -- Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

Valuation Date — First day of the plan year.
Current valuation date is January 1, 2025.

Actuarial Method — Unit credit.

Actuarial Assumptions

- Interest Rates per annum, compounded annually
  (use the rate for each participant based upon the date of payment being valued)

	Adjusted 25-Year averages (minimum funding)	24-month averages (maximum)	Spot rates (PBGC)
-- First 5 Years after valuation date	5.00%	5.00%	4.65%
Next 15 Years	5.27%	5.27%	5.28%
More than 20 years after val date	5.50%	5.40%	5.63%

First column, based on adjusted 24-month averages, is used to determine AFTAP and minimum contributions.
Second column, based on 24-month averages, is used to determine maximum deductible contributions.
Third column, based on spot interest rates, is used to determine PBGC standard target liabilities.

The interest rates above are the segment rates prescribed in the Pension Protection Act of 2006, and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

The rates have changed since the prior year. In the prior year, the segment rates were:
4.75%, 4.96%, and 5.59% for AFTAP and minimum contribution purposes.
4.37%, 4.96%, and 4.95% for maximum deductible contribution purposes.
5.01%, 5.13%, and 5.15% for PBGC standard target purposes.
The net effect of these changes had an insignificant impact on the liabilities used to determine the plan's minimum funding requirements.

-- Interest Crediting Rate (for account earnings)	3% per annum compounded annually, for current and all future years.
-- Actuarial Equivalent (for converting balances to annuities)	4% interest and Applicable Mortality table are used to convert balances to annuities.

- Experience - Active Employees

-- Retirement	Normal Retirement Age.
-- Death	None.
-- Other Separation	None.
-- Earnings Progression	None. Compensation is based on expected Pay for the current year.

- Retired Mortality

-- Conversion to Annuities	Applicable Mortality table.
-- Funding	RP-2014 combined Mortality tables for males and females, projected to 2025.

The mortality rates for Funding are from the mortality tables prescribed in federal regulations and notices, as authorized by the Pension Protection Act of 2006.

- Form of Payment	Lump Sum.
- Expense Loading	Assumes that current year expenses are the same as the prior year plan admininstrative expenses. The resulting amount for this year is $43,833, and is included in the Target Normal Cost.
- Asset Valuation Basis	Market Value, including discounted contributions receivable.

Notice to Plan Sponsor about the selection of Interest Rate assumptions and Asset valuation:

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 prescribes that the above segment interest rates will be used as a default unless the Plan Sponsor notifies the actuary that he elects to use different assumptions:

a. The above segment interest rates represent the rates for the month prior to the valuation date. The Plan Sponsor may elect to use rates applicable to 1 to 4 months prior to the latest month.

b. Assets are valued at fair market value, without any averaging. The Plan Sponsor may ask the actuary to use an average asset value over up to 24 months.

The Plan Sponsor should notify us immediately if any of these alternative elections are desired.

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East Carolina Anesthesia Associates, PLLC

2430 Emerald Place, Suite 201

Greenville NC 27834

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2c Sponsor's telephone number 252-752-2140

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SIGN HERE	Signature of plan administrator	Date 1/12/26	Douglas Frankey Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date 1/12/26	Douglas Frankey Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor

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b Are you claiming a waiver of the annual examination and report of an independent qualified public accountant (IQPA) under 29 CFR 2520.104-46? (See instructions on waiver eligibility and conditions.) [X] Yes [ ] No

If you answered "No" to either line 6a or line 6b, the plan cannot use Form 5500-SF and must instead use Form 5500.

c If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? [X] Yes [ ] No [ ] Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year 573415. (See instructions.)

Part III Financial Information

7 Plan Assets and Liabilities		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total plan assets	7a	15,882,499	14,141,248
b Total plan liabilities	7b		
c Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	15,882,499	14,141,248
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		**(a) Amount**	**(b) Total**
a Contributions received or receivable from: (1) Employers	8a(1)	989,473	
(2) Participants	8a(2)		
(3) Others (including rollovers)	8a(3)		
b Other income (loss)	8b	1,442,757	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		2,432,230
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	4,134,988	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions)	8e		
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f	38,493	
g Other expenses	8g		
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h		4,173,481
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		-1,741,251
j Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	8j		

Part IV Plan Characteristic Codes

9a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:
1B 1C 1I 3D

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

Part V Compliance Questions

10 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)	10a		X	
b Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 10a.)	10b		X	
c Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?	10c	X		500,000
d Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	10d		X	
e Were any fees or commissions paid to any brokers, agents, or other persons by an insurance carrier, insurance service, or other organization that provides some or all of the benefits under the plan? (See instructions.)	10e		X	
f Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	10f		X	
g Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.)	10g		X	
h If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	10h			
i If 10h was answered "Yes," check the box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	10i			

Part VI Pension Funding Compliance

11 Is this a defined benefit plan subject to minimum funding requirements? (If "Yes," see instructions and complete Schedule SB (Form 5500) and lines 11a and b below.) If this is a defined contribution pension plan, leave line 11 blank and complete line 12 below. ☒ Yes ☐ No

a Enter the unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 | **11a** | 0

b **PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If the plan is covered by PBGC and the amount reported on line 11a is greater than $0, 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 _____

12 Is this a defined contribution plan subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Code or section 302 of ERISA? (If "Yes," complete line 12a or lines 12b, 12c, 12d, and 12e below, as applicable.) If this is a defined benefit pension plan, leave line 12 blank and complete line 11 above. ☐ Yes ☐ No

a 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 letter ruling granting the waiver. Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 12a, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB (Form 5500), and skip to line 13.

b Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year	**12b**	
c Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	**12c**	
d Subtract the amount in line 12c from the amount in line 12b. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	**12d**	
e Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 12d be met by the funding deadline?		☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Part VII Plan Terminations and Transfers of Assets

13a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted in any plan year?		☐ Yes ☒ No
a If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year	**13a**	
b Were all the plan assets distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☐ Yes ☒ No

c 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.)

13c(1) Name of plan(s):	**13c(2)** EIN(s)	**13c(3)** PN(s)

Part VIII IRS Compliance Questions

14a 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

14b 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

15 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 02/28/2023 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q705199a.

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

2025

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**

▶ **Caution:** A penalty of $1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

A Name of plan
East Carolina Anesthesia Associates, PLLC Cash Balance Pension Plan II

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF
East Carolina Anesthesia Associates, PLLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
20-1442673

E Type of plan: [X] Single [ ] Multiple-A [ ] Multiple-B

F Prior year plan size: [X] 100 or fewer [ ] 101-500 [ ] More than 500

Part I Basic Information

1 Enter the valuation date: Month 01 Day 01 Year 2025

2 Assets:

a Market value	**2a**	15,877,894
b Actuarial value	**2b**	15,877,894

3 Funding target/participant count breakdown

	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	0	0	0
b For terminated vested participants	4	543,118	543,118
c For active participants	53	13,123,298	13,123,298
d Total	57	13,666,416	13,666,416

4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) [ ]

a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	**4a**	
b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	**4b**	

5 Effective interest rate	**5**	5.24%
6 Target normal cost		
a Present value of current plan year accruals	**6a**	887,587
b Expected plan-related expenses	**6b**	43,833
c Target normal cost	**6c**	931,420

Statement by Enrolled Actuary

To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE

JL

Signature of actuary

10/08/2026
Date

Jason Lee, EA
Type or print name of actuary

2608586
Most recent enrollment number

FuturePlan by Ascensus
Firm name

818-995-6100
Telephone number (including area code)

P.O. Box 219073

Kansas City MO 64121
Address of the firm

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions [ ]

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances

		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	0
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	0
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of 6.38 %	0	0
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		1,866,690
	b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of 4.96 %		92,588
	b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
	c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		1,959,278
	d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	0

Part III Funding Percentages

14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	116.18 %
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	116.18 %
16	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	112.47 %
17	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls

18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:

(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
04/15/2025	846,088	0			
04/21/2025	32,000	0			
05/04/2026	111,385	0			
			Totals ► 18(b)	989,473	18(c) 0

19	Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:		
	a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years.	19a	0
	b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date.	19b	0
	c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date.	19c	969,409

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? ☐ Yes ☐ No

c If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year

(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost

21 Discount rate:

a Segment rates:

1st segment:	2nd segment:	3rd segment:	
5.00 %	5.27 %	5.50%	☐ N/A, full yield curve used

b Applicable month (enter code)	**21b**	0
22 Weighted average retirement age	**22**	64

23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions) ☒ Prescribed - combined ☐ Prescribed - separate ☐ Substitute

Part VI Miscellaneous Items

24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ☐ Yes ☒ No

25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ☐ Yes ☒ No

26 Demographic and benefit information

a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ☒ Yes ☐ No

b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ☐ Yes ☒ No

27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment	**27**	

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years

28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years	**28**	0
29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a)	**29**	0
30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29)	**30**	0

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):

a Target normal cost (line 6c)	**31a**	931,420
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	**31b**	931,420

32 Amortization installments:

	Outstanding Balance	Installment
a Net shortfall amortization installment	0	0
b Waiver amortization installment	0	0

33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount	**33**	
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)	**34**	0

	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	0	0

36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	**36**	0
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	**37**	969,409
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)		
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	**38a**	969,409
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	**38b**	0
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)	**39**	0
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years	**40**	0

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)

41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. ☐ 2019 ☐ 2020 ☐ 2021

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Schedule SB, Line 22 - Description of Weighted Average Retirement Age.

The assumed average retirement age is 64.

Participants are assumed to retire at the plan's Normal Retirement Age,
or at the end of the current plan year if later.

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Schedule SB, Part V -- Summary of Plan Provisions

Effective Date	January 1, 2021 as amended through May 12, 2025.
Plan Status	Benefits were frozen as of March 31, 2025. Eligibility is frozen as of March 31, 2025 (i.e. no new participants).
Definitions	
- Plan Year	January 1 through December 31.
- Compensation	Total compensation paid during Plan Year.
- Years of Service	Service for eligibility and vesting based upon entire period of service. The 1000 hours of service method is used in measuring this service. Service for benefit is based upon years of participation where 1 hours of service is required in order to accrue a benefit.
- Accrued Pension	Actuarial equivalent of the balance of the Participant's Cash Balance Account as of Valuation Date projected to his Normal Retirement Date.
- Actuarial Equivalence	Based on the interest rate of 4% and mortality in accordance with the Applicable Mortality table.
- Cash Balance Account	Hypothetical account established for each participant. Each plan year, the account is credited with participant's Contribution Credit in accordance with the plan. Account accumulates earnings based on actual rate of return (net of expenses) on aggregate Plan assets for such period, including both positive and negative rates of return, not exceeding 5.5% annually.

- Contribution Credit	Contribution formula varies by participant. Contribution amounts this year range from 1.43% to 24.29% of expected compensation.
Eligibility	Employees become eligible upon attainment of age 21 and completion of 1 year of service, and enter the plan on the January 1 or July 1 following completion of the eligibility requirements. However, no new participants enter the plan after March 31, 2025. However, employees not listed in Section Two, Part B of the Plan Document are excluded from the Plan.
Changes in Provisions	Eligibility and benefits were frozen as of March 31, 2025.
Normal Retirement	
- Age	The later of age 62 and the third anniversary of the Participant's entry date.
- Annual Pension	The participant's Accrued Benefit determined as of his Normal Retirement Date based on the actuarial equivalent value of the Cash Balance Account.
- Payment of Pensions	Straight life annuity for single employees. Reduced Joint and 100% Survivor annuity for married employees. Optional forms of benefits include single sum and annuities.
Early Retirement Benefit	Same as Severance Benefit.
Late Retirement Benefit	Actuarial equivalent of the Cash Balance Account as of the participant's late retirement date.

Severance Benefit	Accrued Benefit times Vested Percentage. The Vested Percentage is based on Years of Service as follows:

Years of Service	Vested Percentage
0 years	0%
1 years	0%
2 years	0%
3 years or more	100%

Death Benefit Before Retirement	
- Active Participants	Actuarial equivalent value of accrued pension.
- Former Participants	100% of the value of the vested deferred pension.
Top-Heavy Provisions	
- Minimum Benefit	For employees also participating in the East Carolina Anesthesia Associates, PLLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan, contribution of 5% of total compensation to be provided under that plan.
- Minimum Vesting	100% after 3 years of service.
Voluntary Contributions	Not Permitted.
Rollover Contributions	Not Permitted.
Loans to Participants	Not Permitted.