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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Trustees Wayne General Hospital Waynesboro, Mississippi

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Wayne General Hospital (the "Hospital"), a component unit of Wayne County, Mississippi, as of and for the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Hospital's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Hospital as of September 30, 2021 and 2020, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 4-11 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Hospital's basic financial statements. The schedule of surety bonds for officials and employees is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of surety bonds for officials and employees is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and

other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of surety bonds for officials and employees is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 7, 2022, on our consideration of the Hospital's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Hospital's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Hospital's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Laurel, Mississippi January 7, 2022

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This section of Wayne General Hospital's (the "Hospital") annual financial report presents background information and management's analysis of the Hospital's financial performance during the fiscal years that ended on September 30, 2021 and 2020. Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements in this report.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2021

- The Hospital's total net position increased approximately \$9.37 million or 56.08% from the prior year.
- At the end of the 2021 fiscal year, the assets of the Hospital exceeded liabilities by \$26 million.
 Of this amount, \$16.8 million (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet ongoing obligations
 to the Hospital's employees, patients, and creditors, and \$9.2 million is the net investment in
 capital assets.
- Net patient service revenue increased approximately \$3.9 million or 15.14% from the prior year.
 During this same period, operating expenses increased approximately \$3.7 million or 12.2% from
 the prior year. This increase is largely due to increases in salaries and benefits, as well as supplies
 due to COVID. These changes will be further discussed in the Operating and Financial
 Performance section of this analysis.

Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020

- The Hospital's total net position decreased approximately \$311,000 or 1.83% from the prior year.
- At the end of the 2021 fiscal year, the assets of the Hospital exceeded liabilities by \$16.7 million.
 Of this amount, \$8.1 million (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet ongoing obligations to the Hospital's employees, patients, and creditors, and \$8.6 million is the net investment in capital assets.
- Net patient service revenue decreased approximately \$2.9 million or 10.16% from the prior year. This decrease is due to increases in contractual adjustments and the provision for bad debts. Also, the Hospital experienced a decrease in inpatient and outpatient volumes which were partially offset by changes in reimbursement rates. During this same period, operating expenses increased approximately \$1.15 million or 3.9% from the prior year. This increase is largely due to increases in salaries and benefits, as well as supplies due to COVID. These changes will be further discussed in the Operating and Financial Performance section of this analysis.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements consist of three statements – the statements of net position, the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, and the statements of cash flows. The financial statements report the financial position of the Hospital, the results of its operations, and its cash flows. The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. These statements offer short-term and long-term financial information about the Hospital's activities.

The statements of net position include all of the Hospital's assets and liabilities and provide information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) and the obligations to the Hospital's creditors (liabilities) for both the current year and the prior year. It also provides the basis for evaluating the capital structure of the Hospital, and assessing the liquidity and financial flexibility of the Hospital.

All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statements of revenue, expenses and changes in net position. These statements measure the performance of the Hospital's operations over the past year and can be used to determine whether the Hospital has been able to recover all of its costs through its patient service revenue and other revenue sources.

The statements of cash flows provide information about the Hospital's cash from operating, noncapital, investing, and financing activities. The statements of cash flows outline where the cash comes from, what the cash is used for, and the changes in the cash balance during the reporting period.

The annual report also includes notes to financial statements that are essential to gain a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found immediately following the basic financial statements in this report.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE HOSPITAL

The statements of net position and the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position report information about the Hospital's activities. Increases or improvements, as well as decreases or declines in the net position, are one indicator of the financial state of the Hospital. Other nonfinancial factors that should also be considered include changes in economic conditions, population growth (including uninsured and working poor), and new or changed government legislation.

A summary of the Hospital's condensed statements of net position are presented in the following table:

Condensed Statements of Net Position

September 30,	2021	2020	2019
Assets Current and other assets Capital assets, net	\$ 25,702,916 9,351,514	\$ 29,359,102 9,013,242	\$ 11,939,370 9,065,467
Total assets	\$ 35,054,430	\$ 38,372,344	\$ 21,004,837
Liabilities Current liabilities Long-term liabilities	\$ 8,950,868 12,517	\$ 21,437,792 218,282	\$ 3,751,980 225,550
Total liabilities	\$ 8,963,385	\$ 21,656,074	\$ 3,977,530
Net position Invested in capital assets Unrestricted	\$ 9,248,558 16,842,487	\$ 8,631,202 8,085,068	\$ 8,766,300 8,261,007
Total net position	\$ 26,091,045	\$ 16,716,270	\$ 17,027,307

September 30, 2021

Current and other assets decreased due to a decrease in cash balances as a result of net cash used in operating activities. Current liabilities decreased \$12.5 million due to the recognition of nonoperating revenues from CARES Act funds, the repayment of Medicare advanced funds, the gain on the extinguishment of the Paycheck Protection Program loan, and a decrease in compensated absences.

September 30, 2020

Current and other assets and current liabilities both increased approximately \$17.5 million due to cash on hand for unearned CARES Act funds reported in unearned revenue in the amount of \$14.4 million and Paycheck Protection Program loan funds in the amount of \$3.1 million.

A summary of the Hospital's condensed statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position are presented in the following table:

Condensed Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

For the Years Ended September 30,	2021	2020	2019
Operating revenues Net patient service revenue Other operating revenue	\$ 29,491,710 1,761,129	\$ 25,614,795 1,813,080	\$ 28,510,319 531,050
Total operating revenues	31,252,839	27,427,875	29,041,369
Operating expenses Salaries and benefits Depreciation and amortization Other	23,121,275 1,096,991 9,974,506	20,901,962 953,394 8,613,102	19,951,297 736,694 8,634,457
Total operating expenses	34,192,772	30,468,458	29,322,448
Operating loss	(2,939,933)	(3,040,583)	(281,079)
Nonoperating revenues	12,314,708	2,729,546	139,161
Change in net position	\$ 9,374,775	\$ (311,037)	\$ (141,918)

Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2021

The Hospital derived 94.3% of its total operating revenues from net patient service revenues. Such revenues include revenues from the Medicare and Medicaid programs, patients, or their third-party carriers who pay for care in the Hospital's facilities.

Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020

The Hospital derived 93.4% of its total operating revenues from net patient service revenues. Such revenues include revenues from the Medicare and Medicaid programs, patients, or their third-party carriers who pay for care in the Hospital's facilities.

The following table represents the relative percentage of gross charges billed for patient services by payor for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019:

	2021	2020	2019
Medicare	48 %	49 %	46 %
Medicaid	20	19	21
Other	32	32	33
Total gross charges	100 %	100 %	100 %

OPERATING AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The following summarizes statistical information related to the Hospital's operations. Prior year amounts have been updated to be consistent with current year presentation.

	2021	2020	2019
Actual number of acute patient days (adult) **	5,922	5,859	5,241
Percentage of occupancy (adult)	50.7 %	50.2	% 44.9 %
Newborn infant patient days	381	448	378
Pediatric patient days	43	119	181
Swingbed patient days	1,852	2,125	3,009
Percentage of occupancy (swingbed)	30.0 %	34.5	% 55.0 %
Discharges including deaths (adult)	1,242	1,279	1,571
Average length of stay (adult) in days	4.7	5.8	5.3
Average daily census (adult)	16	22	23
Medicare days	4,745	5,374	5,665
Medicaid days	1,476	1,662	1,766
Surgery cases	384	575	717
Home health visits	6,905	7,248	7,919
Emergency room visits	11,346	11,170	12,483

^{**} Acute patient days includes inpatient medical, obstetrics, ICU, and surgery

The following summarizes changes in the Hospital's statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position between 2021 and 2020:

Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2021

- Net patient service revenues increased as stated in the financial highlights. Gross patient service revenue increased approximately \$4.87 million, contractual adjustments increased approximately \$2.6 million, and the bad debt provision decreased approximately \$1.6 million due to management's review of collections over the last year.
- Operating expenses increased as a result of an increase in salaries, wages and employee benefits
 of approximately \$2.2 million due to hazard pay, incentives paid to retain staff, and higher health
 insurance costs. Supplies and other expenses increased approximately \$1 million due to expenses
 for pharmaceuticals, testing, and personal protection equipment related to the COVID-19
 pandemic.
- Nonoperating revenues (expenses) increased \$9.6 million due to the Hospital recognizing approximately \$7.7 million in CARES Act funds and \$3.1 million from the extinguishment of the Paycheck Protection Program loan. Interest income also increased due to the increase in cash on hand.

Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020

- Net patient service revenues decreased as stated in the financial highlights. Gross patient service revenue decreased approximately \$173,000, contractual adjustments increased approximately \$612,000, and the bad debt provision increased approximately \$2.1 million due to management's review of collections over the last year.
- Operating expenses increased as a result of an average wage increase. Salaries, wages and employee benefits increased approximately \$951,000 or 4.8% from the prior year.
- Nonoperating revenues increased \$2.7 million due to the Hospital recognizing approximately \$2.4 million in CARES Act funds. Interest income also increased due to the increase in cash on hand.

CASH FLOWS

Changes in the Hospital's cash flows consist of the following:

- Net cash used in operating activities of \$3.5 million
- Net cash provided by noncapital activities of \$409,000
- Net used in capital and related financing activities of \$1.7 million
- Net cash provided by investing activities of \$479,000.

See the statement of cash flows for more details regarding these changes.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital assets consisted of the following as of each year-end:

September 30,	2021	2020	2019
Land and land improvements	\$ 476,686	\$ 476,686	\$ 476,686
Construction in progress	23,335	-	247,435
Buildings and improvements	19,506,607	18,964,116	16,793,068
Equipment	16,419,091	15,875,845	17,070,313
Total capital assets	36,425,719	35,316,647	34,587,502
Less accumulated depreciation	(27,074,205)	(26,303,405)	(25,522,035)
Capital assets, net	\$ 9,351,514	\$ 9,013,242	\$ 9,065,467

Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2021

Net capital assets increased approximately \$338,000 primarily due to current year purchases exceeding current year disposals and depreciation. Current year capital additions were \$1,435,000 and depreciation expense was \$1,097,000.

Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020

Net capital assets decreased approximately \$52,000 primarily due to current year depreciation expense exceeding purchases. Current year capital additions were \$903,000 and depreciation expense was \$953,000.

Current year debt activity included \$462,000 of normal debt service payments, as well as additional principal payments.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

While the annual budget of the Hospital is not presented within these financial statements, the Hospital's Board and management considered many factors when setting the fiscal year 2022 budget. While the financial outlook for the Hospital is stable, of primary importance in setting the 2022 budget is the status of the economy and the healthcare environment, which takes into account market forces and environmental factors such as:

- Medicare reimbursement changes;
- Increased number of uninsured and working poor;
- Ongoing competition for services;
- Workforce shortages primarily in nursing and other clinically skilled positions;
- Increased labor costs to retain staff and respond to the COVID-19 surges;
- Increased cost of supplies, including pharmaceuticals, due to COVID pandemic; and
- Impact of Healthcare Reform as it relates to reimbursement and employee health insurance coverage.

The Hospital, as have all healthcare facilities across the United States, has been and continues to be impacted by the wide spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Since the Public Health Emergency declaration by the President of the United States on March 13, 2020, the Hospital has experienced and continues to experience a significant reduction in services provided in the hospital, physician clinics, swing bed and home care services. Elective surgeries were suspended at times and levels have not reached those of the prior year. Healthcare professionals have raised concerns that patients have forgone important care and chronic disease management which can jeopardize their health, and as a result hospitals are anticipating continued reductions in revenues for these patients until COVID-19 subsides.

For more details on COVID-19, see the notes to the financial statements.

CONTACTING THE HOSPITAL FINANCIAL MANAGER

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, customers and creditors with a general overview of the Hospital's finances. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, please contact the Administrator, Wayne General Hospital, P.O. Box 1249, Waynesboro, Mississippi 39367.

Wayne General Hospital Statements of Net Position

September 30,	2021	2020
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 20,525,350	\$ 24,873,513
Patient accounts receivable, net of allowance		
doubtful accounts of \$7,154,637 and		
\$9,210,100 in 2021 and 2020, respectively	3,816,296	3,431,822
Inventories	652,736	521,463
Prepaid expenses	344,676	252,846
Estimated third-party settlements	124,284	16,420
Other current assets	108,374	90,838
Total current assets	25,571,716	29,186,902
Capital assets		
Land	476,686	476,686
Construction in progress	23,335	-
Depreciable capital assets, net	8,851,493	8,536,556
Total capital assets, net	9,351,514	9,013,242
Other assets	131,200	172,200
Total assets	35,054,430	38,372,344
Liabilities and Net Position		_
Current liabilities		
Current maturities of long-term debt	90,439	163,758
Accounts payable	686,151	630,620
Accrued payroll and withholdings	1,268,339	1,099,623
Accrued compensated absences	1,736,816	1,910,323
Accrued health insurance claims payable	207,539	197,572
Unearned revenue	4,961,584	14,355,156
Short-term debt - Paycheck Protection Program loan	-	3,080,740
Total current liabilities	8,950,868	21,437,792
Long-term liabilities		
Notes payable, net of current maturities	12,517	218,282
Total liabilities	8,963,385	21,656,074
Net position	. , -	
Net investment in capital assets	9,248,558	8,631,202
Unrestricted	16,842,487	8,085,068
Total net position	\$ 26,091,045	\$ 16,716,270

Wayne General Hospital Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

For the years ended September 30,	2021	2020
Operating Revenues Patient service revenues, net of contractual allowances Provision for bad debts	\$ 31,803,558 (2,311,848)	\$ 29,549,843 (3,935,048)
Net patient service revenue	29,491,710	25,614,795
Other operating revenues	1,761,129	1,813,080
Total operating revenues	31,252,839	27,427,875
Operating Expenses Salaries and wages Employee benefits and payroll taxes Physician and professional fees Supplies and other operating expenses Maintenance and utilities Depreciation and amortization	19,078,447 4,042,828 1,949,531 6,824,153 1,200,822 1,096,991	17,762,946 3,139,016 1,604,365 5,823,214 1,185,523 953,394
Total operating expenses	34,192,772	30,468,458
Operating loss	(2,939,933)	(3,040,583)
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses) CARES Act funds Gain on extinguishment of Paycheck Protection Program loan Interest income Interest expense Gain (loss) on disposal of assets Noncapital grants and contributions	7,703,370 3,115,398 479,346 (44,866) 1,500 1,059,960	2,446,459 - 285,600 (15,326) (1,280) 14,093
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	12,314,708	2,729,546
Change in net position	9,374,775	(311,037)
Net Position - beginning of year	16,716,270	17,027,307
Net Position - end of year	\$ 26,091,045	\$ 16,716,270

Wayne General Hospital Statements of Cash Flows

For the years ended September 30,	2021	2020
Operating Activities Receipts from and on behalf of patients Payments to suppliers and contractors Payments to and on behalf of employees Other receipts (payments), net	\$ 27,959,731 (10,142,078) (23,092,635) 1,761,129	\$ 26,772,463 (8,690,976) (20,726,166) 1,813,080
Net cash (used in) operating activities	(3,513,853)	(831,599)
Noncapital Financing Activities Receipt of noncapital grants and contributions Proceeds from PPP loan Receipt of CARES Act funds	409,399 - -	14,093 3,080,740 16,801,615
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	409,399	19,896,448
Capital and Related Financing Activities Purchase of capital assets Proceeds from sale of property and equipment Interest paid on long-term debt Principal paid on long-term debt	(1,435,263) 1,500 (10,208) (279,084)	(636,493) - (15,326) (183,083)
Net cash (used in) capital and related financing activities	(1,723,055)	(834,902)
Investing Activities Interest received	479,346	285,600
Net cash provided by investing activities	479,346	285,600
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(4,348,163)	18,515,547
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	 24,873,513	 6,357,966
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year	\$ 20,525,350	\$ 24,873,513 (Continued)
		(Continued)

Wayne General Hospital Statements of Cash Flows (Continued)

For the years ended September 30,	2021	2020
Reconciliation of operating loss to		
net cash (used in) operating activities:		
Operating loss	\$ (2,939,933) \$	(3,040,583)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to		
net cash (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	1,096,991	953,394
Provision for bad debts	2,311,848	3,935,048
(Increase) decrease in assets:		
Patient accounts receivable	(2,696,322)	(2,751,184)
Inventories	(131,273)	(162,198)
Prepaid and other current assets	(109,366)	113,014
Other assets	41,000	(22,445)
Estimated third-party settlements	(124,284)	(16,420)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:		
Accounts payable	55,531	36,204
Accrued payroll and withholdings	168,716	(172,412)
Accrued compensated absences	(173,507)	265,759
Accrued health claims	9,967	40,000
Unearned revenue	(1,039,641)	-
Estimated third-party settlements	16,420	(9,776)
Net cash (used in) operating activities	\$ (3,513,853) \$	(831,599)

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

Wayne General Hospital (the "Hospital") is an acute care hospital established by Wayne County (the "County") as a special-purpose government entity under the laws of the State of Mississippi. The Hospital is owned by the County and is governed by a Board of Trustees appointed by the County Board of Supervisors. Because of the relationship between the Hospital and the County, the Hospital has been defined as a component unit of the County.

The Hospital provides inpatient, outpatient and emergency care services primarily for residents of the County and the surrounding area. Admitting physicians are primarily practitioners in the same area. The Hospital is currently licensed to operate 49 inpatient beds.

Blended Component Unit

Wayne General Hospital Foundation, Inc. (the "Foundation") is a nonstock, nonprofit corporation exempt from income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The members of the Foundation Board consist principally of persons selected from the trustees, executive staff, and medical staff of the Hospital, as well as local civic leaders and professionals. The Hospital exerts control over the Foundation and there is a financial benefit relationship with this entity. Therefore, the Foundation is reported as a blended component unit in the Hospital's financial statements as of September 30, 2021 and 2020. Publicly available financial statements are not issued for the Foundation. Summarized financial information is provided in Note 13.

The Foundation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable scientific and educational purposes for the benefit of the Hospital. The primary sources of financial support for the Foundation are gifts, grants and contributions from the general public, corporations, and charitable organizations.

All significant intercompany transactions between the Foundation and the Hospital have been eliminated.

Budgetary Information

Budgets are prepared on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America with concurrence by the Hospital's Board of Trustees on an annual basis. The Hospital, however, is not required by statute to adopt a legally binding budget. Accordingly, budgetary information is not a required part of these financial statements.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP), as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows and outflows of resources from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange transaction takes place, while those from government-mandated nonexchange transactions (principally federal and state grants) are recognized when all applicable eligibility requirements are met.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant change in the near term are related to the determination of the allowances for doubtful accounts and contractual adjustments and estimated third-party payor settlements. In particular, laws and regulations governing the Medicare and Medicaid programs are extremely complex and subject to interpretation. As a result, there is at least a reasonable possibility that recorded estimates related to these programs will change by a material amount in the near term.

Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash and all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less. The Hospital's cash and cash equivalents consist of demand deposits and money market funds. Interest income is reported as nonoperating revenues.

Cash and cash equivalents include funds held on behalf of employees who participate in the Hospital's Christmas Club Program. Funds that were not paid out at September 30, 2021 and 2020 totaled \$425,956 and \$377,699, respectively. The Hospital has recorded an accrual for these amounts, which is included in accrued payroll and withholdings on the accompanying statements of net position.

Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. There are three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair values:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the entity has the ability to access as of the measurement date.

Level 2: Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as:

- 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:
 - o observable; or
 - o can be corroborated by observable market data.

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 are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The Hospital did not have any significant assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis requiring disclosure of fair value inputs at September 30, 2021 or 2020.

Patient Accounts Receivable, Net

Patient receivables are reported at net realizable value, after deduction of allowances for estimated uncollectible accounts and third-party contractual discounts. The allowance for doubtful accounts is based on historical losses and an analysis of currently outstanding amounts. This account is generally increased by charges to a provision for bad debts, and decreased by write-offs of accounts determined by management to be uncollectible. The allowances for third-party contractual discounts are based on the estimated differences between the Hospital's established rates and the actual amounts to be received under each contract. Changes in estimates by material amounts are reasonably possible in the near term.

Inventories

Inventories, which consist primarily of medical supplies and drugs, are stated at the lower of cost or market, based on the first-in, first-out method.

Prepaid Expenses

Prepaid expenses are amortized over the estimated period of future benefit, generally on a straight-line basis.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost at the date of acquisition, or acquisition value at the date of donation if acquired by gift. Capital assets are defined as assets with an initial cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

Land and construction in progress are not depreciated. For other capital assets, depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of each asset. The following estimated useful lives are being used by the Hospital:

Land improvements5 - 20 yearsBuildings and improvements5 - 40 yearsFixed equipment5 - 28 years

Expenditures that materially increase values, change capacities, or extend useful lives of the respective assets are capitalized. Routine maintenance and repairs are charged to expense when incurred.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

The Hospital evaluates, on an ongoing basis, the recoverability of its assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is required to be recognized if the carrying value of the asset exceeds the undiscounted future net cash flows associated with that asset. The impairment loss to be recognized is the amount by which the carrying value of the long-lived asset exceeds the asset's fair value. In most instances, the fair value is determined by discounted estimated future cash flows using an appropriate interest rate. The assessment of the recoverability of assets will be impacted if estimated future operating cash flows are not achieved. Based on management's evaluations, no long-lived asset impairments were recognized during the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020.

Other Assets

The Hospital has entered into various agreements with physicians, specifically to benefit the Hospital's community service area. These agreements include income guarantees and other advances, all of which are generally conditioned upon a service commitment to the community. Advances under these agreements are forgiven upon fulfillment of the professional's contractual service commitment, but are due in full if such commitment is not fulfilled. Advances under these arrangements are amortized to expense using the straight-line method over the related commitment period. Amounts expected to be amortized in the ensuing fiscal year are classified as an other current asset in the accompanying statements of net position.

Compensated Absences

The Hospital's policy allows most employees to accumulate benefits that may be realized as paid time off or as a cash payment upon termination of employment. The expense and the related liability are recognized as benefits as earned whether the employee is expected to realize the benefit as paid time off or in cash upon termination of employment. Compensated absences are computed using the pay rates in effect at year-end, plus an additional amount for compensation-related payments such as social security and Medicare taxes computed using rates in effect at that date. The Hospital's estimated accrual for compensated absences is recorded as a current liability in the statement of net position.

Net Position

Net position of the Hospital is classified in three components, as follows:

Net investment in capital assets – consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of borrowings used to finance the purchase or construction of those assets.

Restricted – Represents resources that are externally restricted by external parties or by law through constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted – Represents the remaining net position that does not meet the definition of net investment in capital assets or restricted net position described above.

As a general practice, when both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Hospital's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Operating Revenue and Expenses

The Hospital's statements of revenue, expenses and changes in net position distinguish between operating and nonoperating revenues and expenses. Operating revenues result from exchange transactions associated with providing health care services, the Hospital's principal activity. Nonexchange revenue, including interest income and grants and contributions received for purposes other than capital asset acquisitions, are reported as nonoperating revenue. Operating expenses are all expenses incurred to provide healthcare services, other than financing costs.

Net Patient Service Revenue

The Hospital has agreements with third-party payors that provide for payments to the Hospital at amounts different from its established rates. Payment arrangements include prospectively determined rates per discharge, reimbursed costs, discounted charges and per diem payments. Patient service revenue is reported at estimated net realizable amounts from patients, third-party payors, and others for services rendered and includes estimated retroactive adjustments under reimbursement agreements with third-party payors. Retroactive adjustments are considered in the recognition and accrual of revenue on an estimated basis in the period the related services are rendered and adjusted in future periods as final settlements are determined.

The primary third-party programs include Medicare and Medicaid, which account for a significant amount of the Hospital's revenue. The laws and regulations under which Medicare and Medicaid programs operate are complex and subject to interpretation and frequent changes. As part of operating under these programs, there is a possibility that government authorities may review the Hospital's compliance with these laws and regulations. Such reviews may result in adjustments to program reimbursement previously received and subject the Hospital to fines and penalties. Management believes it has complied with the requirements of these programs.

Charity Care

The Hospital provides care without charge, or at a reduced charge, to patients who meet certain criteria under its charity care policy. Because the Hospital does not pursue collection of amounts determined to qualify pursuant to this policy, these charges are not reported as revenue. The amount of charges foregone for services and supplies furnished under the Hospital's charity care policy was approximately \$816,000 and \$895,000 for the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, and estimated costs and expenses incurred to provide charity care totaled approximately \$405,000 and \$429,000, respectively. The estimated costs and expenses incurred to provide charity care were determined by applying the Hospital's cost to charge ratio from its latest filed Medicare cost report to its charges foregone for charity care, at established rates.

Grants and Contributions

From time to time, the Hospital receives grants from other governmental entities as well as contributions from individuals and private organizations. Revenues from grants and contributions (including contributions of capital assets) are recognized when all eligibility requirements, including time requirements, are met. Grants and contributions may be restricted either for specific operating purposes or for capital purposes. Amounts that are unrestricted or that are restricted to a specific operating purpose are reported as nonoperating revenues. Amounts restricted to capital acquisitions are reported after nonoperating revenue and expenses.

Current Healthcare Environment

The Hospital monitors economic conditions closely, both with respect to potential impacts on the healthcare industry and from a more general business perspective. Management recognizes that economic conditions may continue to impact the Hospital in a number of ways, including, but not limited to, uncertainties associated with the United States and state political landscape and rising uninsured patient volumes and corresponding increases in uncompensated care.

Additionally, the general healthcare industry environment is increasingly uncertain, especially with respect to the ongoing impacts of the federal healthcare reform legislation. Potential impacts of ongoing healthcare industry transformation include, but are not limited to:

- Significant capital investment in healthcare information technology
- Continuing volatility in state and federal government reimbursement programs
- Effective management of multiple major regulatory mandates, including the previously mentioned audit activity
- Significant potential business model changes throughout the healthcare system, including within the healthcare commercial payor industry
- Workforce shortages primarily in nursing and other clinically skilled positions; as well as, increased payroll costs to retain current staff.

The business of healthcare in the current economic, legislative, and regulatory environment is volatile. Any of the above factors, along with others both currently in existence and which may or may not arise in the future, could have a material adverse impact on the Hospital's financial position and operating results.

Reclassifications of Prior Year Presentation

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified for consistency with current year presentation.

Income Taxes

The Hospital is a governmental entity and, as such, is exempt from federal and state income taxes.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, January 7, 2022, and determined there were no events that occurred that required disclosure. No subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these financial statements.

Pronouncements Issued But Not Yet Effective

GASB has issued the following pronouncements that may affect future financial position, results of operations, cash flows, or financial presentation of the Hospital upon implementation. Management has not yet evaluated the effect of implementation of these standards.

GASB		Effective
Statement No.	GASB Accounting Standard	Fiscal Year
87	Leases	2022
89	Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End	
	of a Construction Period	2022
91	Conduit Debt Obligations	2023
92	Omnibus 2020	2022
93	Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates	2022
94	Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability	
	Payment Arrangements	2023
96	Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements	2024
97	Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial	2022
	Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred	
	Compensation Plans	

NOTE 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

As of September 30, 2021 and 2020, the Hospital's deposits consisted of the following:

September 30,	2021	2020
Petty cash and undeposited cash Cash deposits with financial institutions	\$ 2,650 20,522,700	\$ 2,430 24,871,083
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$ 20,525,350	\$ 24,873,513

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Hospital's deposits might not be recovered. The Hospital's deposit policy for custodial credit risk requires compliance with the provisions of state law.

The collateral for public entity deposits in financial institutions are held in the name of the State Treasurer under a program established by the Mississippi State Legislature and is governed by Section 27-105-5 Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Under this program, the Hospital's funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer. Financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against those deposits. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"). All deposits with financial institutions must be collateralized in an amount equal to 105% of uninsured deposits and are therefore fully insured. All of the Hospital's deposits were collateralized and insured at September 30, 2021 and 2020.

Investments

The statutes of the State of Mississippi restrict the authorized investments of the Hospital to obligations of the U.S. Treasury, agencies, and instrumentalities of the United States and certain other types of investments. The Hospital's does not have a formal investment policy that further limits the types of investments available to the Hospital or limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses.

NOTE 3: CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity and balances for the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 were as follows:

	Balance 10/1/2020	Additions	Reductions	Transfers	Balance 9/30/2021
Nondepreciable capital assets Land Construction in progress	\$ 476,686 -	\$ - 23,335	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 476,686 23,335
Total nondepreciable capital assets	476,686	23,335	-	-	500,021
Depreciable capital assets Land improvements Buildings and improvements Fixed equipment Major moveable equipment	1,358,521 17,605,595 779,541 15,096,304	3,850 538,641 - 869,437	- (2,124) (324,067)	- - -	1,362,371 18,144,236 777,417 15,641,674
Total depreciable capital assets	34,839,961	1,411,928	(326,191)	=	35,925,698
Less accumulated depreciation Land improvements Buildings and improvements Fixed equipment Major moveable equipment	(1,182,322) (11,498,262) (752,996) (12,869,825)	(48,338) (440,623) (4,340) (603,690)	- - 2,124 324,067	- - - -	(1,230,660) (11,938,885) (755,212) (13,149,448)
Total accumulated depreciation	(26,303,405)	(1,096,991)	326,191	-	(27,074,205)
Depreciable capital assets, net	8,536,556	314,937	-	-	8,851,493
Total capital assets, net	\$ 9,013,242	\$ 338,272	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,351,514

NOTE 3: CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

	Balance 10/1/2019	Additions	Reductions	Transfers	Balance 9/30/2020
Nondepreciable capital assets Land Construction in progress	\$ 476,686 247,435	\$ - 151,309	\$ - (398,744)	\$ - -	\$ 476,686 -
Total nondepreciable capital assets	724,121	151,309	(398,744)	-	476,686
Depreciable capital assets Land improvements Buildings and improvements Fixed equipment Major moveable equipment	1,430,714 15,362,354 2,788,247 14,282,066	- 462,369 6,857 680,942	- (11,645) - (161,943)	(72,193) 1,792,517 (2,015,563) 295,239	1,358,521 17,605,595 779,541 15,096,304
Total depreciable capital assets	33,863,381	1,150,168	(173,588)	-	34,839,961
Less accumulated depreciation Land improvements Buildings and improvements Fixed equipment Major moveable equipment	(1,046,031) (6,241,882) (6,112,890) (12,121,232)	(396,799) (4,225)	11,645 -	(83,002) (4,871,226) 5,364,119 (409,891)	• • • •
Total accumulated depreciation	(25,522,035)	(953,394)	172,024	-	(26,303,405)
Depreciable capital assets, net Total capital assets, net	8,341,346 \$ 9,065,467	196,774 \$ 348,083	(1,564) \$ (400,308)	\$ -	8,536,556 \$ 9,013,242

Depreciation expense for the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 totaled \$1,096,991 and \$953,394.

NOTE 4: SHORT-TERM DEBT

The Hospital received loan proceeds in the amount of \$3,080,740 under the Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP") in fiscal year ended September 30, 2020. The PPP, was established as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act"), to provide loans to qualifying businesses for amounts up to 2.5 times the average monthly payroll expenses of the qualifying business. The loans and accrued interest were forgivable as long as the borrower maintained staffing levels and used the loan proceeds for eligible purposes, including payroll, benefits, rent, and utilities. On June 8, 2021, the PPP loan principal, plus accrued interest of \$34,658, was forgiven and has been reported on the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position as a gain on extinguishment in nonoperating revenues.

NOTE 5: LONG-TERM DEBT

The Hospital's long-term debt consisted of the following obligations:

September 30,	2021	2020
Note payable to First State Bank, interest rate of 4%, monthly payments of \$7,034, maturing July 2023, collateralized by equipment. The hospital paid off this note in 2021.	\$ - \$	157,977
Note payable to First State Bank, interest rate of 3.74%, monthly payments of \$7,839, maturing March 2023, collateralized by equipment.	102,956	224,063
Total long-term debt Current portion of long-term debt	102,956 (90,439)	382,040 (163,758)
Long-term debt, net of current portion	\$ 12,517 \$	218,282

A summary of changes in the Hospital's long-term debt for the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 follows:

	1	Balance 10/1/2020	Additions	l	Reductions	ç	Balance 9/30/2021	ue Within One Year
Notes payable	\$	382,040	\$ -	\$	(279,084)	\$	102,956	\$ 90,439
	1	Balance 10/1/2019	Additions	ı	Reductions	g	Balance 9/30/2020	ue Within One Year
Notes payable	\$	299,167	\$ 265,956	\$	(183,083)	\$	382,040	\$ 163,758

Scheduled principal and interest payments for notes payable are as follows:

	Notes Payable				
Year ending September 30,		Principal Intere			
2022	\$	90,439	\$	3,628	
2023		12,517		515	
Total	\$	102,956	\$	4,143	

NOTE 6: NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS

The Hospital's net investment in capital assets, as presented on the accompanying statements of net position is calculated as follows:

September 30,	2021	2020
Capital assets, net Less long-term debt outstanding related to capital assets	\$ 9,351,514 \$ (102,956)	9,013,242 (382,040)
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 9,248,558 \$	8,631,202

NOTE 7: NET PATIENT SERVICE REVENUE

The Hospital has agreements with governmental and other third-party payors that provide for payments to the Hospital for services rendered at amounts different from its established rates. Patient revenue is reported net of contractual adjustments arising from these third-party arrangements, as well as a net provision for uncollectible accounts. A summary of the payment arrangements with major third-party payors follows:

Medicare – Inpatient acute, swing bed, outpatient, and home health services rendered to Medicare program beneficiaries are paid at prospectively determined rates. These rates vary according to a patient classification system that is based on clinical, diagnostic, and other factors. Medicare bad debts are paid at a tentative rate with final settlement determined after submission of annual cost reports by the Hospital and audits thereof by the Medicare administrative contractor.

Medicaid – Inpatient and outpatient services rendered to Medicaid program beneficiaries are reimbursed based upon the Ambulatory Payment Classification ("APC") system for outpatient payments and an APR-DRG system for inpatient payments.

Beginning with the state fiscal year 2016, July 1, 2015, UPL payments were phased out and the Division of Medicaid ("DOM") implemented the Mississippi Hospital Access Payment ("MHAP") program in its place. The MHAP program is administered by the DOM through the Mississippi CAN coordinated care organizations ("CCO"). The CCO's subcontracts with the Hospitals throughout the state for distribution of the MHAP for the purpose of protecting patient access to hospital care. The MHAP program began December 1, 2015 and the MHAP payments and associated tax are distributed and collected in equal monthly installments. For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, the Hospital received \$2,113,714 and \$2,079,646, respectively, from the MHAP program. MHAP amounts are shown as a reduction of contractual adjustments with related assessments of \$722,999 and \$831,458, respectively, for the year ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, and recorded in operating expenses.

NOTE 7: NET PATIENT SERVICE REVENUE (CONTINUED)

Laws and regulations governing Medicare and Medicaid programs are extremely complex and subject to interpretation. As a result, there is at least the possibility that recorded estimates will change. The 2021 and 2020 net patient service revenue increased approximately \$207,000 and \$415,000, respectively, due to prior year retroactive adjustments in excess of amounts previously estimated. The Hospital's cost reports have been settled through 2017.

Other – The Hospital has also entered into payment agreements with certain commercial insurance carriers, health maintenance organizations and preferred provider organizations. The basis for payment to the Hospital under these agreements includes prospectively determined rates per discharge, discounts from established charges, and prospectively determined daily rates.

The composition of gross and net patient service revenue for the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 is as follows:

For the years ended September 30,	2021	2020
Gross patient service revenue	\$ 66,349,214	\$ 61,483,641
Less provision for:		
Contractual adjustments under third-party reimbursement programs and other adjustments Provision for bad debts	(34,545,656) (2,311,848)	(31,933,798) (3,935,048)
Net patient service revenue	\$ 29,491,710	\$ 25,614,795

Gross patient service revenue by major payor class consisted of the following for the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020:

For the years ended September 30,	2021	2020
Medicare	48%	49%
Medicaid	20%	19%
Other	32%	32%
Total	100%	100%

NOTE 8: NONOPERATING REVENUES

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 and Related Legislation

Additional funding for the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Relief Fund ("Relief Fund") was among the provisions of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act"), which was signed into law on March 27, 2020, and other legislation. In the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, the Hospital recognized nonoperating income of \$7.7 million and \$2.4 million, respectively, due to grants from the Relief Fund and state grant programs, which is reported as nonoperating income in the Hospital's accompanying statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position. Payments from the Relief Fund are not loans and, therefore, they are not subject to repayment. However, as a condition to receiving distributions, providers must agree to certain terms and conditions, including, among other things, that the funds are being used for lost operating revenues and COVID-related costs, and that the providers will not seek collection of outof-pocket payments from a COVID-19 patient that are greater than what the patient would have otherwise been required to pay if the care had been provided by an in-network provider. The Hospital recognizes grant payments as income when there is reasonable assurance of compliance with the conditions associated with the grant. The Hospital's estimates could change materially in the future based on Hospital's operating performance or COVID-19 activities, as well as the evolving grant compliance guidance provided by the government.

The CARES Act and the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act ("Paycheck Protection Program"), which was signed into law on April 24, 2020, authorized up to \$2 trillion in government spending to mitigate the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Below is a brief overview of certain provisions of the CARES Act and related legislation that have impacted and are expected to continue to impact the Hospital's business. Please note that this summary is not exhaustive, and additional legislative action and regulatory developments may evolve rapidly. There is no assurance that the Hospital will continue to receive or remain eligible for funding or assistance under the CARES Act or similar measures.

<u>Public Health and Social Services Emergency Relief Fund</u> - To address the fiscal burdens on healthcare providers created by the COVID-19 public health emergency, the CARES Act and the Paycheck Protection Program authorized \$175 billion for the Relief Fund. During the year ended September 30, 2020, HHS commenced distribution of Relief Fund monies, which were later increased by subsequent legislation.

<u>Medicare and Medicaid Payment Policy Changes</u> - The CARES Act and subsequent legislation also alleviates some of the financial strain on hospitals, physicians, and other healthcare providers and states through a series Medicare and Medicaid payment policies that temporarily increase Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement and allow for added flexibility, as described below.

NOTE 8: NONOPERATING REVENUES (CONTINUED)

- The CARES Act suspended the sequestration payment adjustment percentage of 2% applied to all Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) claims from May 1 through December 1, 2020. The Consolidation Appropriations Act, 2021 extended the suspension period to March 31, 2021. An Act to Prevent Across-the-Board Direct Spending Cuts, and for Other Purposes, signed into law on April 14, 2021, extends the suspension period to December 31, 2021.
- The CARES Act instituted a 20% increase in the Medicare MS-DRG payment for COVID-19 hospital admissions for the duration of the public health emergency as declared by the Secretary of HHS.
- The scheduled reduction of \$4 billion in federal Medicaid DSH allotments in FFY 2020, as mandated by the Affordable Care Act, is suspended until October 1, 2024. Also, the Federal DSH allotment reduction for FFY 2024 is set at \$8 billion for each year through termination in FFY 2027.
- The CARES Act expanded the Medicare accelerated payment program, which provides prepayment of claims to providers in certain circumstances, such as national emergencies or natural disasters. Under this measure, providers could request accelerated advance payments for Medicare Part A and B. Under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 and Other Extensions Act, repayment began one year from the issuance date of each provider or supplier's accelerated advance payment. After the first 12 months, Medicare will automatically recoup 25 percent of Medicare payments otherwise owed to the provider or supplier for eleven months. At the end of the eleven month period, recoupment will increase to 50 percent for another six months. If the provider or supplier is unable to repay the total amount of the accelerated advance payment during this time period (a total of 29 months), CMS will issue demand letters requiring payment of any outstanding balance, subject to an interest rate of four percent consistent with the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021. During the year ended September 30, 2020, the Hospital recorded approximately \$4.6 million of accelerated advance payments, which were recorded as unearned revenue on the statement of net position. As of September 30, 2021, the Hospital had repaid \$1 million in accelerated advance payments with a balance of \$3.5 million remaining in unearned revenue on the statement of net position.
- A 6.2% increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage ("FMAP") matching funds was instituted to help states respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The additional funds are available to states from January 1, 2020 through the quarter in which the public health emergency period ends, provided that states meet certain conditions. An increase in states' FMAP leverages Medicaid's existing financing structure, which allows federal funds to be provided to states more quickly and efficiently than establishing a new program or allocating money from a new funding stream. Increased federal matching funds support states in responding to the increased need for services, such as testing and treatment during the COVID-19 public health emergency, as well as increased enrollment as more people lose income and qualify for Medicaid during the economic downturn.

NOTE 8: NONOPERATING REVENUES (CONTINUED)

Because of the uncertainty associated with various factors that may influence the Hospital's future Medicare and Medicaid payments, including future legislative, legal or regulatory actions, or changes in volumes and case mix, there is a risk that the Hospital's estimates of the impact of the aforementioned payment and policy changes will be incorrect and that actual payments received under, or the ultimate impact of, these programs may differ materially from the Hospital's expectations.

NOTE 9: INSURANCE PROGRAMS

The Hospital is exposed to various risks of loss from torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; business interruption; errors and omissions; employee injuries and illnesses; natural disasters; medical malpractice; and employee health, dental, and accident benefits. The Hospital is self-insured for employee health claims. Commercial insurance coverage is purchased for claims arising from other matters. Settled claims have not exceeded commercial coverage in any of the three preceding years.

Medical Malpractice Insurance

The Hospital held professional and general liability insurance under a self-funded plan prior to 2007. During 2007, the Hospital purchased professional and general liability insurance to cover medical malpractice claims. The Hospital has not accrued any losses for malpractice claims or expenses for periods subsequent to the self-funded plan. Nevertheless, the future assertion of claims for occurrences prior to year-end is reasonably possible and may occur, although not anticipated. In any event, management believes that any such claims would be substantially covered under its insurance program.

The Mississippi Tort Claims Act provides a cap on the amount of damages recoverable against government entities, including governmental hospitals. For claims arising, the amount recoverable is the greater of \$500,000 or the amount of liability insurance coverage that has been retained.

Self-Funded Health Insurance

The Hospital provides health insurance coverage to its employees under a self-funded health plan. Health claims are paid by the Hospital as they are incurred and filed by the employee. An estimated liability for claims incurred but not reported or paid is reported in the statements of net position. Commercial insurance is purchased for claims in excess of \$100,000 per person to limit the Hospital's liability for losses under its self-insurance program.

NOTE 9: INSURANCE PROGRAMS (CONTINUED)

The claims liability at September 30, 2021 and 2020 is based on the requirements of GASB and provides that a liability for claims be reported if information prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicates that it is probable that a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements and that amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. Changes in the Hospital's claims liability amount are reflected below:

Years Ended September 30,	2	2021	2020
Claims liability - beginning of year Claims filed and changes in estimates Claims paid		197,572 ,936,993 ,927,026)	\$ 157,572 2,000,973 (1,960,973)
Claims liability - end of year	\$	207,539	\$ 197,572

NOTE 10: RETIREMENT PLAN

The Hospital sponsors a defined contribution plan qualified under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Plan"). The Plan covers all employees who elect to participate. The plan allows participants to defer a portion of their annual compensation. The amount of annual contributions to the plan by participants is subject to certain limitations as defined in the plan document. Plan participants vest 100% immediately in their contributions and investment earnings thereon.

Participant contributions are matched by the Hospital up to a maximum of 2%. Employer contributions to the plan for fiscal years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 was \$209,811 and \$205,887, respectively.

NOTE 11: CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

The Hospital grants credit without collateral to its patients, most of who are local residents and are insured under third-party payor agreements. The percentage mix of net patient receivables from patients and major third-party payors as of September 30, 2021 and 2020 was as follows:

For the years ended September 30,	2021	2020
Medicare	45%	46%
Medicaid	29%	26%
Commercial insurance	18%	28%
Other	8%	0%
Total	100%	100%

NOTE 12: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Litigation

In the normal course of business, the Hospital is, from time to time, subject to allegations that may or do result in litigation. The Hospital evaluates such allegations by conducting investigations to determine the validity of each potential claim. Based upon the advice of legal counsel, management records an estimate of the amount of ultimate expected loss, if any, for each. Events could occur that would cause the estimate of ultimate loss to differ materially in the near term.

COVID-19

In March 2020, the World Health Organization made the assessment that the outbreak of a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) can be characterized as a pandemic. As a result, uncertainties have arisen that may have a significant impact on the operating activities and results of the Hospital. The occurrence and extent of such an impact will depend on future developments, including (i) the duration and spread of the virus, (ii) government quarantine measures, (iii) voluntary and precautionary restrictions on travel or meetings, (iv) the effects on the financial markets, and (v) the effects on the overall economy, all of which are uncertain.

NOTE 13: BLENDED COMPONENT UNIT

Condensed financial information for the Hospital's blended component unit, Wayne General Hospital Foundation, Inc., for the years ending September 30, 2021 and 2020 was as follows:

Condensed Statement of Net Position	2021		2020	
Assets				
Current assets	\$	57,450	\$ 50,886	
Total assets		57,450	50,886	
Net position - unrestricted	\$	57,450	\$ 50,886	

NOTE 13: BLENDED COMPONENT UNIT (CONTINUED)

Condensed Statements of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Net Position		2021		2020
Operating revenues	\$	7,962	\$	14,093
Operating expenses	·	2,550	·	3,519
Operating income		5,412		10,574
Nonoperating revenues		1,152		998
Change in net position		6,564		11,572
Net position - beginning of year		50,886		39,314
Net position - end of year	\$	57,450	\$	50,886
Condensed Statements of Cash Flows		2021		2020
Net cash provided by				
Operating activities	\$	5,412	\$	10,574
Investing activities		1,152		998
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		6,564		11,572
Cash and cash equivalent - beginning of year		50,886		39,314
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year	\$	57,450		50,886

Wayne General Hospital Supplementary Information Schedule of Surety Bonds for Officials and Employees

			Amount of	
Name	Position	Company	Bond	
Kenny Odom	Trustee/ President	Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America	\$	100,000
Annice H. Jordan	Trustee/ Vice President	Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America		100,000
Laura R. Kelley	Trustee/ Secretary	Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America		100,000
Martin Stadalis	Trustee	Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America		100,000
Lonnie Sanderson	Trustee	Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America		100,000
Raymond G. Cooley	Trustee	Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America		100,000
Cooper M. Leggett	Trustee	Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America		100,000
Katherine Waddell	Hospital Administrator	Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America		100,000



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Trustees Wayne General Hospital Waynesboro, Mississippi

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Wayne General Hospital (the "Hospital"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Hospital's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 7, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Hospital's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Hospital's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Hospital's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies

may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as Finding 2021-01 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Hospital's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

The Hospital's Response to Findings

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The Hospital's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The Hospital's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Laurel, Mississippi January 7, 2022

Wayne General Hospital Schedule of Findings and Responses

Finding 2021-01 – Segregation of Duties

Criteria: Proper segregation of duties requires that no single employee have access, authority, and approval over a single financial process.

Condition: The purchasing department and human resources department each have one employee who can perform multiple phases of a transaction that are incompatible.

The materials management purchasing agent has access and is able to perform all of the following duties: inventory counts; placing orders for goods; receiving goods; entering goods into the inventory system; adding new vendors; and approving invoices for payment. In addition, the materials management purchasing agent has access to the accounts payable system.

The human resources director has access and is able perform all of the following responsibilities: setting up new employees, making changes to the human resources software module, maintaining the payroll system, and processing payrolls.

Cause: Due to limited resources and personnel, a number of duties are performed by a single individual.

Effect: Lack of segregation of duties could lead to errors or irregularities due to one individual performing multiple duties within a single financial process.

Recommendation: Management should reassign duties and responsibilities to other employees to eliminate a single person from having access or being able to perform the entire process.

We recommend that access to the accounts payable system be eliminated for the materials management purchasing agent. In addition, we recommend that the functions of receiving goods and entering goods into the inventory system be performed by two separate individuals. In addition, all inventory counts should be performed by two individuals.

We recommend that the human resources director's access to process a payroll be eliminated thereby limiting his responsibilities to the set up and maintenance of the human resource system and authorization and approval of transactions.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions: Management will continue to evaluate the cost benefit of shifting duties and responsibilities within these departments.