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Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

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Briefly describe the organization's mission

The Association serves its membership consisting of independent Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans (Plans) which operates within specified geographic service areas The Association provides a variety of services to member Plans and coordinates government services such as the Medicare Part A prime contract and the contract under the Federal Employee Health Benefit Program (FEP), all of which are the core of the organization's exempt purpose of promoting the common good and general welfare of the community by fostering broad-based health insurance coverage

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Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

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Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O









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Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a	(Code) (Expenses \$ 124,572,843 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 124,706,147)	The Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association's Federal Employee Program (FEP) administers the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan Approximately 61 percent of all federal employees and retirees who received their health care benefits through the government's Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) are members of the Service Benefit Plan receiving health coverage through member Plans Service Benefit Plan has been part of the FEHBP since its inception in 1960 and is the largest plan in the program The FEP program provides service to more than 5.2 million members and maintained a retention rate of 99 percent Accomplishments in 2013 were related to expanding the Blues presence in the FEHBP market and managing the Blues entry in the OPM Multi-state Plan Program Enhanced benefits, steady premiums, and active policy and advocacy support with OPM and Congress bolstered the Blues' leading position in the Federal Employee Program The program also successfully negotiated a contract to participate in the Multi-state Program starting Jan. 1, 2014
4b	(Code) (Expenses \$ 102,590,165 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 102,433,307)	The BlueCard program is a clearinghouse service provided when a member Plan participant receives healthcare in another member Plan geographic service area BlueCard gives Blue members seamless national access to the 92 percent of physicians and 96 percent of hospitals that participate in Blue networks The program links participating healthcare providers with the independent Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans through a single electronic network for claims processing and reimbursement The BlueCard for Public Exchange Products initiative focus in 2013 was developing a qualified health plan (QHP) exchange standards implementation guide for use by Blue Plans to ensure future services include flexible out-of-area network options for their individual and small group public Exchange members During 2013, BCBSA negotiated and signed the terms of the Multi-State Plan Program standard contract for the plan year 2014 with the Office of Personnel Management
4c	(Code) (Expenses \$ 53,179,698 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 56,339,575)	As the umbrella organization for the member Plans, the Association coordinates advertising and communications programs, providing policy and representation of member interests, monitors and fosters the financial stability of all the Plans and supports the ability of the Plans to operate efficiently by providing conferences, consulting and miscellaneous services to the Plans
	(Code) (Expenses \$ 39,004,027 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 39,004,027)	The Association develops, enhances and protects the value of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield brand names and symbols and supports the oversight and management of member Plan license agreements
	(Code) (Expenses \$ 38,014,668 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 38,516,806)	The Association provides optional consulting services and other miscellaneous services
	(Code) (Expenses \$ 17,976,475 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 16,062,062)	National Data Warehouse (NDW) is a central data warehouse composed of aggregate standardized and de-identified data (such as medical and drug claims, membership and other provider information) obtained from participating member plans for use in complementing the analytical systems within each of the Plans to improve business intelligence and for the benefit of understanding and managing health care costs and quality via benchmarking and trend analysis
	(Code) (Expenses \$ 12,191,815 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 12,469,509)	Operation of the National Employee Benefits Administration Program which provides a comprehensive group package of employee benefits programs to the Plans
	(Code) (Expenses \$ 10,173,650 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 17,953,022)	Operation of the telecommunications network which facilitates inter-plan communication
	(Code) (Expenses \$ 5,394,297 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 5,394,297)	The Association performs services for the Medicare A program and other services agreements with the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) BCBSA acts in a coordinating role for all Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans to perform certain aspects of the Medicare A intermediary functions and other government business services provided to Plans The Association provides additional services to DHHS through contracts with the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
	(Code) (Expenses \$ 0 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ -51,955)	K-1 Partnership Pass Through (Loss) from BlueCross BlueShield Venture Partners, LP II (Loss) is attributed to partnership portfolio companies whose goods and service are consistent with the filing entities tax exempt purpose
4d	Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)	
	(Expenses \$ 122,754,932 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 129,347,768)	
4e	Total program service expenses	403,097,638

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	1	No
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)?	2	No
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i> 	3	Yes
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	4	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i> 	5	Yes
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>	8	No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> 	9	Yes
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	10	No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i> 	11a	Yes
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i> 	11b	Yes
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>	11c	No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> 	11e	Yes
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> 	11f	Yes
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>	12a	No
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i> 	12b	Yes
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>	14b	No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>	16	No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)</i>	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21		No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b		No
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If so, complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b	Yes	
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c	Yes	
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34	Yes	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	Yes	
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b	Yes	
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

Part V

Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

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		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.	230	
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	0	
1c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		Yes	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.	1,234	
2b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).		Yes	
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		Yes	
3b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O.		Yes	
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?			No
4b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.			
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?			No
5b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?			No
5c If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?			
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?			No
6b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?			
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
7a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?			
7b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?			
7c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?			
7d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.			
7e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?			
7f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?			
7g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?			
7h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?			
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?			
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
9a Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?			
9b Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?			
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter			
10a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.			
10b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.			
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter			
11a Gross income from members or shareholders.			
11b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).			
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?			
12b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.			
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
13a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			
13b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.			
13c Enter the amount of reserves on hand.			
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?			No
14b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.			

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure

For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year		
	If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O		
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	Yes
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3	No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5	No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	Yes
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a	Yes
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b	Yes
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
a	The governing body?	8a	Yes
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9	No

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	Yes
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b	Yes
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	Yes
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	Yes
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c	Yes
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	Yes
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	Yes
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	Yes
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)		
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	Yes
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	Yes

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed	IL
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain in Schedule O)	
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year	
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization Robert J Kolodgy 225 North Michigan Avenue Chicago, IL 60601 (312) 297-6462	

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII ☐

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.

- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any See instructions for definition of "key employee "

- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations

- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

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Part VII

1b	Sub-Total	▼			
c	Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A	▼			
d	Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	▼	17,426,006	0	3,868,479

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3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>

Section B. Independent Contractors

Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
HP ENTERPRISE SERVICES LLC PO Box 92013 Chicago IL 60675	Systems Consulting	9,405,288
HEALTH INTELLIGENCE CO LLC 225 N Michigan Avenue Chicago IL 60601	Data Analytics	7,260,950
AXA ASSISTANCE USA INC 122 S Michigan Avenue Chicago IL 60602	Medical Claims Processing	4,571,504
KIRKLAND & ELLIS 200 E Randolph Drive Chicago IL 60601	Legal Services	4,530,238
HEWITT ASSOCIATES LLC 100 Half Day Road Lincolnshire IL 60069	Actuarial Consulting Services	3,784,863

\$100,000 of compensation from the organization ►121

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns				
	b	Membership dues				
	c	Fundraising events				
	d	Related organizations				
	e	Government grants (contributions)				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f	0			
Program Service Revenue	2a	Federal Employee Program				
		Business Code				
		900099	124,706,147	124,706,147	0	0
	b	BlueCard				
		900099	102,433,307	102,433,307	0	0
	c	Other Services				
		900099	56,339,575	56,279,377	60,198	0
	d	Brand Enhancement & Protection				
Other Revenue		900099	39,004,027	39,004,027	0	0
	e	Consulting & Misc Services				
		900099	38,516,806	38,515,150	1,656	0
	f	All other program service revenue				
			51,878,890	35,816,828	16,062,062	0
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f	412,878,752			
	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)	1,070,660	0	0	1,070,660
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds	0	0	0	0
	5	Royalties	0	0	0	0
	6a	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
	b	Less rental expenses				
	c	Rental income or (loss)	0	0		
	d	Net rental income or (loss)				
	7a	(i) Securities				
		(ii) Other				
			7,056,128	0		
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	6,965,669	185,211		
	c	Gain or (loss)	90,459	-185,211		
	d	Net gain or (loss)	-94,752	0	0	-94,752
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18				
		a				
	b	Less direct expenses				
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events				
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19				
		a				
	b	Less direct expenses				
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities				
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances				
		a				
	b	Less cost of goods sold				
	c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory				
		Miscellaneous Revenue				
		Business Code				
	11a	Service Fee Revenue	525990	119,041	0	119,041
	b	Partnership Pass Through Loss	900001	-64,218	-51,955	-12,263
	c					
	d	All other revenue	0	0	0	0
	e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d	54,823			
	12	Total revenue. See Instructions	413,909,483	396,702,881	16,230,694	975,908

Part IX

Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

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Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21.	0	0		
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22.	0	0		
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.	0	0		
4	Benefits paid to or for members.	0	0		
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	17,188,391	13,809,608	3,378,783	0
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).	0	0	0	0
7	Other salaries and wages.	120,387,608	115,360,793	5,026,815	0
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	15,323,884	7,048,873	8,275,011	0
9	Other employee benefits.	18,151,453	17,323,856	827,597	0
10	Payroll taxes.	8,828,235	8,564,809	263,426	0
11	Fees for services (non-employees):				
a	Management.	0	0	0	0
b	Legal.	14,479,298	13,974,642	504,656	0
c	Accounting.	691,349	691,349	0	0
d	Lobbying.	4,692,925	4,692,925	0	0
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.	0			0
f	Investment management fees.	0	0	0	0
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O).	128,495,770	127,696,308	799,462	0
12	Advertising and promotion.	8,413,577	8,413,577	0	0
13	Office expenses.	9,145,666	9,063,871	81,795	0
14	Information technology.	33,073,005	32,447,088	625,917	0
15	Royalties.	0	0	0	0
16	Occupancy.	11,615,150	11,172,670	442,480	0
17	Travel.	5,496,113	4,996,816	499,297	0
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.	0	0	0	0
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	4,199,326	3,666,807	532,519	0
20	Interest.	26,051	690	25,361	0
21	Payments to affiliates.	0	0	0	0
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	14,355,126	14,168,826	186,300	0
23	Insurance.	3,772,799	3,737,393	35,406	0
24	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.):				
a	Membership, Sponsorship, Gen'l Contribution.	4,844,490	4,366,317	478,173	0
b	Books & Periodicals.	1,812,966	1,763,454	49,512	0
c					
d					
e	All other expenses.	149,373	136,966	12,407	0
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	425,142,555	403,097,638	22,044,917	0
26	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X

Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

				(A)		(B)
				Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		692,444	1	711,793
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		327,372,324	2	368,976,369
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		24,332,048	4	28,053,132
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L.		0	5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L.		0	6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		5,014,976	7	386,485
	8	Inventories for sale or use		0	8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9,153,032	9	14,109,695
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D.	10a92,677,546			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b71,012,472	25,664,715	10c	21,665,074
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		15,000	11	15,000
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11.		132,369,364	12	145,710,892
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11.		0	13	0
	14	Intangible assets		4,498,115	14	3,662,752
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11.		16,696,266	15	4,930,222
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34).		545,808,284	16	588,221,414
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		91,845,720	17	93,095,762
	18	Grants payable		0	18	
	19	Deferred revenue		1,683,739	19	4,364,488
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities			20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D.		276,009,273	21	312,923,125
	22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L.		0	22	0
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		0	23	0
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		0	24	0
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D.		71,829,354	25	42,819,691
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25.		441,368,086	26	453,203,066
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.					
	27	Unrestricted net assets		104,440,198	27	135,018,348
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		0	28	0
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		0	29	0
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.					
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund			31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			32	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances		104,440,198	33	135,018,348
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		545,808,284	34	588,221,414

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	413,909,483
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	425,142,555
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-11,233,072
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	104,440,198
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-944,054
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	0
7	Investment expenses	7	0
8	Prior period adjustments	8	-3,283
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	42,758,559
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	135,018,348

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
2c	If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

Additional Data

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Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
David W Anderson BoardMember	1 20 0	X						0	0	0
Peter Andruszkiewicz BoardMember	1 60 0	X						0	0	0
Richard L Boals BoardMember	1 80 0	X						0	0	0
Christopher Booth BoardMember	1 40 0	X						0	0	0
H R Brereton Barlow BoardMember	2 50 0	X						0	0	0
Chester Burrell BoardMember	1 70 0	X						0	0	0
John Cannon BoardMember	2 90 0	X						0	0	0
Denise S Cesare BoardMember	90 0	X						0	0	0
Andrew C Corbin BoardMember	2 20 0	X						0	0	0
Andrew Dreyfus BoardMember	1 80 0	X						0	0	0
Paul von Ebers BoardMember	1 50 0	X						0	0	0
John D Forsyth BoardMember	3 00 0	X						0	0	0
Mike Frank BoardMember	1 40 0	X						0	0	0
Mark B Ganz BoardMember	2 20 0	X						0	0	0
David R Gentile BoardMember	1 50 0	X						0	0	0
Don C George BoardMember	1 40 0	X						0	0	0
Patrick J Geraghty BoardMember	2 90 0	X						0	0	0
Zelda Geyer-Sylvia BoardMember	1 20 0	X						0	0	0
Michael A Gold BoardMember	90 0	X						0	0	0
Bill Gracey BoardMember	1 80 0	X						0	0	0
Michael Guyette BoardMember	2 20 0	X						0	0	0
Patricia A Hemingway Hall BoardMember	2 80 0	X						0	0	0
Daniel J Hilferty BoardMember	2 60 0	X						0	0	0
Terry D Kellogg BoardMember	2 80 0	X						0	0	0
Scott D Kreiling BoardMember	1 10 0	X						0	0	0

SCHEDULE C

(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

▶ **Complete if the organization is described below. ▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**

▶ **See separate instructions. ▶ Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at *www.irs.gov/form990*.**

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If the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Name of the organization BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD ASSOCIATION	Employer identification number 13-5656874
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1	Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV		
2	Political expenditures	▶ \$	507,165
3	Volunteer hours		0

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955	▶ \$	
2	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955	▶ \$	
3	If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4a	Was a correction made?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
b	If "Yes," describe in Part IV		

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

1	Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities	▶ \$	0
2	Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities	▶ \$	300,000
3	Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b	▶ \$	300,000
4	Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5	Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV		

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-
(1) Democratic Governor's Association	1401 K Street NW Ste 200 Washington, DC 20005	52-1304889	125,000	0
(2) Republican Governor's Association	1747 Pennsylvania Ave NW Ste 250 Washington, DC 20006	11-3655877	100,000	0
(3) Republican State Leadership Committee	1201 F Street NW Ste 675 Washington, DC 20004	05-0532524	50,000	0
(4) Democratic Attorney General Association	1580 Lincoln Street Ste 1125 Denver, CO 80203	13-4220019	25,000	0

Part II-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A
- Check ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)
- B
- Check ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)															
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)															
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)															
d Other exempt purpose expenditures															
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)															
f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns															
<table><tr><td>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</td><td>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</td></tr><tr><td>Not over \$500,000</td><td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td><td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td><td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$1,000,000</td></tr></table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e														
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Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000														
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)															
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-															
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-															
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No													

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes" response to lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.		(a)		(b)
		Yes	No	Amount
1	During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a	Volunteers?			
b	Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c	Media advertisements?			
d	Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e	Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f	Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g	Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h	Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i	Other activities?			
j	Total. Add lines 1c through 1i.			
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912.			
c	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912.			
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

1	Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	Yes	No
2	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2		No
3	Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3		No

Part III-B

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	89,500,000
2	Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a	Current year	2a	11,792,658
b	Carryover from last year	2b	0
c	Total	2c	11,792,658
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	11,792,658
4	If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	0
5	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	0

Part IV

Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, line 2, and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule C, Part I-A, Line 1	The filing organization made contributions from the general treasury to four Section 527 political organizations and sponsored a separate fund designated for exempt purposes.

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SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b**
▶ **Attach to Form 990.** ▶ **See separate instructions.** ▶ **Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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Part I

Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	

Part II

Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1

Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education) ☐ Preservation of an historically important land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space

2

Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
a	Total number of conservation easements
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register

3

Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ _____

4

Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____

5

Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6

Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____

7

Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ _____

8

Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

9

In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

▶ \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X

▶ \$ _____

2

If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items

a

Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

▶ \$ _____

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

▶ \$ _____

Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

- 3
- Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)
- a

☐

Public exhibition

d

☐

Loan or exchange programs

b

☐

Scholarly research

e

☐

Other

c

☐

Preservation for future generations
- 4
- Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII
- 5
- During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?
- ☐ Yes

☐ No

Part IV

Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a
- Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?
- ☐ Yes

☒ No
- b
- If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table
- | | |
|----|--------|
| | Amount |
| 1c | |
| 1d | |
| 1e | |
| 1f | |

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance
- 2a
- Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?
- ☒ Yes

☐ No
- b
- If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII
- ☒

Part V

Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current year	(b)Prior year	b (c)Two years back	(d)Three years back	(e)Four years back
1a	Beginning of year balance				
b	Contributions				
c	Net investment earnings, gains, and losses				
d	Grants or scholarships				
e	Other expenditures for facilities and programs				
f	Administrative expenses				
g	End of year balance				

- 2
- Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as
- a

Board designated or quasi-endowment

b

Permanent endowment

c

Temporarily restricted endowment
- The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%
- 3a
- Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by
- (i) unrelated organizations

3a(i)

Yes

No

(ii) related organizations

3a(ii)

Yes

No

b

If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

3b

Yes

No
- 4

Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds
- Part VI

Land, Buildings, and Equipment. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.
- | Description of property | (a) Cost or other basis (investment) | (b)Cost or other basis (other) | (c) Accumulated depreciation | (d) Book value |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 1a Land | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| b Buildings | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| c Leasehold improvements | 0 | 28,226,151 | 16,155,956 | 12,070,195 |
| d Equipment | 0 | 64,451,395 | 54,856,516 | 9,594,879 |
| e Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) | | | | 21,665,074 |
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Part XI

Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12			
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)		5	

Part XII

Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)		5	

Part XIII

Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule D, Part IV, Line 2b	The Association holds funds as agent for its member Plans under arrangements covering its Blue Card and Federal Employee Program
Schedule D, Part X, Line 2	The Association follows the requirements of ASC 740-10-25 "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes," which clarifies the accounting and disclosure for uncertainty in tax positions, as defined. ASC 740-10-25 seeks to reduce the diversity in practice associated with certain aspects of the recognition and measurement related to accounting for income taxes. Under ASC 740-10-25, an organization must recognize the tax benefit associated with tax positions taken for tax return purposes when it is more-likely-than-not that the position will be sustained. The Association does not believe that there are any uncertain tax positions that should be recorded. No interest or penalties were recorded or included in the consolidated statement of activities for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012. The Association is open to examination by taxing authorities from fiscal year 2010 forward.

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Schedule J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

▶ Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Employer identification number
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Part I

Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
<div><div>1a</div><div>Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items</div><div><div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification and gross-up payments</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account</div></div><div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)</div></div></div></div>		
<div><div>b</div><div>If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain</div></div>	1bYes	
<div><div>2</div><div>Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?</div></div>	2Yes	
<div><div>3</div><div>Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director Check all that apply Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III</div><div><div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</div></div><div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee</div></div></div></div>		
<div><div>4</div><div>During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization</div></div>		
<div><div>a</div><div>Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?</div></div>	4a	No
<div><div>b</div><div>Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?</div></div>	4bYes	
<div><div>c</div><div>Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?</div></div> <div>If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III</div>	4c	No
<div><div></div><div>Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-9.</div></div>		
<div><div>5</div><div>For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of</div></div>		
<div><div>a</div><div>The organization?</div></div>	5a	No
<div><div>b</div><div>Any related organization?</div></div> <div>If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III</div>	5b	No
<div><div>6</div><div>For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of</div></div>		
<div><div>a</div><div>The organization?</div></div>	6a	No
<div><div>b</div><div>Any related organization?</div></div> <div>If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III</div>	6b	No
<div><div>7</div><div>For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III</div></div>	7Yes	
<div><div>8</div><div>Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53 4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III</div></div>	8	No
<div><div>9</div><div>If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53 4958-6(c)?</div></div>	9	

Part II **Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported as deferred in prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
See Additional Data Table								

Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule J, Part I, Line 1a	As an organization serving a system of locally based independent Plans offering health insurance in all 50 States, DC and Puerto Rico, the Association's officers are expected to maintain an unusually demanding travel schedule. Accordingly, a committee of the Association's Board comprised of independent Plan executives has established CEO travel policies designed to assure the organization is able to meet his travel commitments, including travel to underserved regional destinations. These policies include the use of charter aircraft and first class travel on scheduled commercial flights under certain limited circumstances.
Schedule J, Part I, Line 3	The compensation of the CEO and the continued retention of his services are approved each year by a committee of the Associations Board comprised of independent Plan executives. That committee acts after deliberations based upon advice from a qualified independent compensation consulting firm. The consultants advice and those deliberations include a review of the results of the independent consultants research regarding compensation paid by other organizations for officers serving in capacities comparable to that of the Associations CEO. Each year this committees decisions are reported to the full Board during a regularly scheduled meeting. The Board deliberates on both matters. Extension of the period of the CEOs service requires action by the full Board. The compensation determinations of the committee stand approved unless the Board exercises its inherent prerogative to modify the committees compensation decisions. The same committee of independent Plan executives annually receives the CEOs recommendations regarding the compensation to be paid to the officers. As with the CEOs compensation, the deliberations of this committee and its decisions to approve or modify the CEOs recommendation are based upon the results of an independent consultants market research regarding comparable officer pay and the independent consultants advice.
Schedule J, Part I, Line 4	As required by the instructions to Form 990, Schedule J, Part II, a hypothetical SERP accrual was calculated for each reportable person who was eligible to participate in that program. The accrual amounts were determined using the Association's best estimate of the accrual using the methodology specified in the instructions to Schedule J. Because vested accruals under the SERP are currently taxed based on a different methodology and the instructions to Schedule J specify that amounts reported in columns B(i) through B(iii) should not be reported again in column C or D, the amount of imputed SERP income reported in column B(iii) was subtracted in each case and the balance of the hypothetical accrual was included in column C for the applicable reportable persons as follows: William A. Breskin - 23,972, William J. Colbourne - 4,450, Frank E. Coyne Jr- 42,602, Kathy Didawick - 2,644, John T. Ericksen - 3,885, Alissa T. Fox -39,400, Justine Handleman - 10,200, Mitchell Helfand - 41,189, Shirley Lady - 18,474, Doug Porter - 570, Maureen E. Sullivan - 325, Jennifer Vachon - 2,847, Roger G. Wilson - 17,320, John Cersano - 33,167, Dan Engel - 14,567 and Nasir Khan - 7,022. The combined total of imputed SERP included in column C = 262,634.
Schedule J, Part I, Line 7	The Association maintains an Association wide annual performance bonus program that assures a portion of employees annual compensation is contingent upon the attainment of pre-approved organizational performance goals, as weighted by the performance measurement process that evaluates each individual employees efforts. Officers, like all employees, are eligible to participate in this program. The performance goals and the budget for this bonus program are approved each year by the Associations Board based upon recommendations from a Board committee consisting of independent Plan executives. Moreover, the performance assessment judgments and the approval of actual payouts require approval by that committee. The CEO also participates in a Long Term Incentive Bonus program. As with the regular performance bonus program, payouts under the Long Term Incentive Program reflect the extent to which preestablished performance goals are reached. However, unlike the annual performance bonus program, the Long Term Incentive program operates on a multi-year cycle to assure that the CEO has incentives that look beyond the immediate year. This program, the performance measurements and the assessment of the achievement of those goals and the resulting payout amounts are all approved by the same Board committee described above and reported to the full Board. The committees deliberations regarding the establishment of the program, the selection of the performance factors and assessment of performance all include consultation and recommendation from a qualified independent compensation consultant based upon a market study of comparable programs for comparable executives.

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Form 990, Schedule J, Part II - Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

(A) Name		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported in prior Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
		(i) Base Compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other compensation				
Scott P Serota President & CEO	(i) (ii)	958,621 0	2,084,292 0	1,167,361 0	1,419,395 0	48,580 0	5,678,249 0	1,031,720 0
William A Breskin VP, Government Programs	(i) (ii)	271,186 0	85,000 0	64,194 0	80,176 0	31,318 0	531,874 0	0 0
Paul F Brown VP, Venturing	(i) (ii)	10,930 0	23,000 0	291,844 0	2,066 0	712 0	328,552 0	270,356 0
William J Colbourne SR VP, HR and Administration	(i) (ii)	323,642 0	158,000 0	147,820 0	87,813 0	25,967 0	743,242 0	0 0
Frank E Coyne VP, Operations & Ntl Programs	(i) (ii)	305,443 0	123,100 0	145,432 0	127,284 0	31,180 0	732,439 0	0 0
Kathy R Didawick VP, Congressional Comm	(i) (ii)	231,220 0	75,000 0	35,087 0	48,145 0	25,517 0	414,969 0	0 0
John T Ericksen VP, Federal Relations	(i) (ii)	268,462 0	97,000 0	98,688 0	77,584 0	22,956 0	564,690 0	0 0
Jena Estes VP, Government Programs	(i) (ii)	243,097 0	67,000 0	70,886 0	55,706 0	38,012 0	474,701 0	0 0
Alissa T Fox SR VP, Policy & Representation	(i) (ii)	392,165 0	200,000 0	266,466 0	114,698 0	40,971 0	1,014,300 0	0 0
Paul Gerrard VP, Strategic Communications	(i) (ii)	236,001 0	80,800 0	6,753 0	2,838 0	27,467 0	353,859 0	0 0
Sudhama Gopalan VP, Strategy	(i) (ii)	217,205 0	0 0	490 0	9,649 0	1,182 0	228,526 0	0 0
Justine G Handelman VP, Legislative & Regulatory Policy	(i) (ii)	243,672 0	100,000 0	42,703 0	52,665 0	29,292 0	468,332 0	0 0
Trent T Haywood SR VP, Chief Medical Officer	(i) (ii)	355,183 0	0 0	33,888 0	9,913 0	29,007 0	427,991 0	0 0
Kari J Hedges VP, National Programs	(i) (ii)	225,629 0	88,000 0	34,622 0	6,620 0	27,313 0	382,184 0	0 0
Mitchell J Helfand VP, Finance	(i) (ii)	214,943 0	74,000 0	24,333 0	116,190 0	31,950 0	461,416 0	0 0
Robert J Kolodgy SR VP, FSGP and CFO	(i) (ii)	423,250 0	192,000 0	24,884 0	5,019 0	34,187 0	679,340 0	0 0
Shirley S Lady VP, Transformation Services	(i) (ii)	237,748 0	85,000 0	44,599 0	94,604 0	16,999 0	478,950 0	0 0
William S Nehs VP, Dep Gen Counsel Asst Sec	(i) (ii)	257,200 0	88,200 0	2,028 0	12,750 0	22,762 0	382,940 0	0 0
William B O'Loughlin VP, Operational Readiness	(i) (ii)	273,387 0	118,500 0	69,763 0	64,346 0	45,832 0	571,828 0	0 0
Doug Porter SR VP, Chief Information Officer	(i) (ii)	376,910 0	185,000 0	81,074 0	51,350 0	29,471 0	723,805 0	0 0

Form 990, Schedule J, Part II - Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

(A) Name		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported in prior Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
		(i) Base Compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other compensation				
Cynthia P Rolfe VP, Consumer Brand Strategy	(i) (ii)	252,048 0	95,800 0	2,096 0	10,516 0	5,764 0	366,224 0	0 0
Maureen E Sullivan SR VP, Strategic Services and CSO	(i) (ii)	367,646 0	175,000 0	134,178 0	65,305 0	43,672 0	785,801 0	0 0
Cheryl L Thomas VP, Human Resources	(i) (ii)	226,391 0	35,000 0	5,624 0	9,228 0	27,345 0	303,588 0	0 0
Jennifer Vachon VP and Chief of Staff	(i) (ii)	238,527 0	114,000 0	48,472 0	41,792 0	36,154 0	478,945 0	0 0
Jody A Voss VP, Strategic Business Services	(i) (ii)	225,806 0	82,900 0	65,797 0	43,078 0	18,246 0	435,827 0	0 0
Roger G Wilson SR VP, Gen Counsel & Secretary	(i) (ii)	405,531 0	179,000 0	131,686 0	105,547 0	13,160 0	834,924 0	0 0
John Cerisano Exec Dir, Congress Relations	(i) (ii)	299,770 0	62,500 0	13,439 0	76,024 0	38,707 0	490,440 0	0 0
Carole R Flamm Exec Med Dir, Ctr for Clinic Value	(i) (ii)	259,528 0	56,700 0	17,515 0	46,924 0	25,274 0	405,941 0	0 0
Daniel A Engel Sr Assoc Gen Counsel	(i) (ii)	217,436 0	49,000 0	38,829 0	87,514 0	20,631 0	413,410 0	0 0
Nasir Khan Exec Dir, Enterprise Informatics	(i) (ii)	208,773 0	64,000 0	26,728 0	60,177 0	29,294 0	388,972 0	0 0
Steven D Putziger Exec Dir, Brand Protect & Finance	(i) (ii)	214,649 0	60,000 0	46,270 0	29,049 0	34,467 0	384,435 0	0 0
Allan M Korn Former Officer	(i) (ii)	12,808 0	0 0	349,863 0	1,073 0	56 0	363,800 0	73,490 0

Schedule L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Transactions with Interested Persons
▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.
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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3) and section 501(c)(4) organizations only).
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction	(d) Corrected?	
				Yes	No

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ▶ \$

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ \$

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a, or Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization?		(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?	(i) Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No		Yes	No
Total ▶ \$											

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefitting Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
See Additional Data Table					

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions)

Return Reference	Explanation
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Form 990, Schedule L, Part IV - Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) F Ruiz	Directors Family	89,313	Employee Salary		No
(2) N Parker	Officers Family	71,066	Employee Salary		No
(3) Health Intelligence Co LLC	Officer - Vendors Director	14,416,296	Receipts - Contract Fees		No
(4) Health Intelligence Co LLC	Officer - Customer Director	7,361,176	Payment for Services		No
(5) Consortium Health Plans Inc	Director-Vendors Director	3,339,186	Payment for Services		No
(6) BCS Insurance Company	Officer-Vendors Director	952,525	Payment for Insurance		No
(7) BCBS Venture Partners LP	Officer-Customer Director	285,296	Receipts for Services		No
(8) BCBS Venture Partners II LP	Officer-Customer Director	283,221	Receipts for Services		No
(9) Consortium Health Plans Inc	Director-Customer Director	145,300	Receipts - Contract Fees		No
(10) BCS Life Insurance Co	Director-Customer Director	117,123	Receipts for Services		No

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.**
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.
**▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
www.irs.gov/form990.**

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Name of the organization BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD ASSOCIATION	Employer identification number 13-5656874
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Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 2	Various BCBSA Board members (directors) also sit on the board of Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association affiliates

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 6	Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association has thirty seven (37) independent member health care plan licensees operating in specified domestic service areas

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 7a	The governing body approves a nominating committee to oversee governing body elections

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 7b	Governing body decisions are approved according to the by-laws of the corporation

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 11b	In general, Form 990 content and sources of information are reviewed by subject matter experts including, but not limited to, internal and external tax and accounting professionals and internal legal personnel. Finalizing the return draft consists of discussions between Finance Officers and Finance Managers regarding the numeric results and written responses to select return questions. Upon internal agreement as to the form and content, an electronic draft 990 is sent to the Associations board one month prior to filing.

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12c	<p>BCBSA maintains a comprehensive code of conduct and compliance program applicable to all employees and officers. In addition, all employees, officers, and board members are required to complete an annual conflict of interest form. The BCBSA Chief Auditor and Compliance Officer is charged with investigating any allegations of non compliance with the code of conduct, including any complaints reported through the anonymous hotline maintained through an independent organization. The results of the compliance programs effectiveness are reported to the audit committee of the Board of Directors on an annual basis. Failure to adhere to the code of conduct may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.</p>

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15	<p>The compensation of the CEO and the continued retention of his services are approved each year by a committee of the Associations Board comprised of independent Plan executives That committee acts after deliberations based upon advice from a qualified independent compensation consulting firm The consultants advice and those deliberations include a review of the results of the independent consultant's research regarding compensation paid by other organizations for officers serving in capacities comparable to that of the Association's CEO Each year this committee's decisions are reported to the full Board during a regularly scheduled meeting The Board deliberates on both matters Extension of the period of the CEO's service requires action by the full Board The compensation determinations of the committee stand approved unless the Board exercises its inherent prerogative to modify the committees compensation decisions The same committee of independent Plan executives annually receives the CEO's recommendations regarding the compensation to be paid to the officers As with the CEO's compensation, the deliberations of this committee and its decisions to approve or modify the CEO's recommendation are based upon the results of an independent consultant's market research regarding comparable officer pay and the independent consultant's advice</p>

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19	<p>The Association complies with all applicable public disclosure requirements. Thus, for example, members of the public may request an opportunity to review the Association's Form 990 for the past three years or to make a copy by sending a written request or appearing in person at its principal office or any of its other locations. The Association's favorable determination letter regarding its tax exempt status and materials comprising its exemption application are also available in this manner. If the Association's governing documents (articles of incorporation and bylaws) and conflict of interest policy are subject to applicable federal or state public disclosure requirements, those documents will be made publicly available as applicable law may require. For example, Form 990 filings may include bylaw amendments and those amendments will be made available as noted above. Otherwise, the governing documents and conflict of interest policy will be provided to the public at the discretion of the Association's management.</p>

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part IX, Line 11g	Temporary Help - \$35,436,234, Recruiting - \$464,748, Printing and Graphics - \$3,449,550, Various Consulting Fees including (but not limited to) actuaries, public relations, market research and business strategy, public policy and government relations, data analysis and infrastructure design - \$89,145,238

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part XI, Line 9	Form 990, Part XI, Line 9 - ASC 715, Other comprehensive income from pension plan obligations \$42,758,559

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

▶ Information about Schedule R (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number
13-5656874

Part I

Identification of Disregarded Entities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

Part II

Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1) Health Services Foundation 225 North Michigan Avenue Chicago, IL 60601 23-7011867	Education,Research	IL	501(c)(3)	9	N/A		No
(2) BC and BS Foundation on Health Care 225 North Michigan Avenue Chicago, IL 60601 23-7164980	Education,Research	IL	501(c)(3)	9	N/A		No

Part III

Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Dispropportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part IV

Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of- year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512 (b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No
(1) BCBSA Services Inc 225 North Michigan Avenue Chicago, IL 60601 36-4176277	Int'l Licensing	IL	N/A	C	33,519	43,333	100 %	Yes	

Part V

Transactions With Related Organizations

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

a Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties or (iv) rent from a controlled entity

b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)

c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)

d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)

e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

f Dividends from related organization(s)

g Sale of assets to related organization(s)

h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)

i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)

j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)

k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)

l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)

m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)

n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)

o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses

q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)

s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

Yes

No

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1b

1c

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1e

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No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

Yes

No

No

No

No

Yes

No

No

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) BCBSA Services Inc	l	73,974	Actual cost for plus markup for Direct Costs to BCBSA
(2) BCBSA Services Inc	q	114,208	Actual costs incurred by Reporting Entity

Schedule R (Form 990) 2013

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

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Part VII

Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions)

Return Reference	Explanation
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