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B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Final return/terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

Doing business as

The Joint Commission

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)Room/suite

One Renaissance Blvd

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

F Name and address of principal officer

Dr Mark Chassin

One Renaissance Blvd

Oakbrook Terrace,IL 60181

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?

No

Yes☒

H(b) Are all subordinates included?

Yes☐

No☐

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number

I Tax-exempt status

☒ 501(c)(3)

☐ 501(c) ()

(insert no)

☐ 4947(a)(1) or

☐ 527

J Website:

www.jointcommission.org

K Form of organization

☒ Corporation

☐ Trust

☐ Association

☐ Other

L Year of formation 1951

M State of legal domicile IL

Part I Summary			
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization’s mission or most significant activities To continuously improve health care for the public, in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value		
	2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)		3 32
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)		4 30
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)		5 517
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)		6 30
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12		7a 0
Revenue	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34		7b 0
Expenses	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)		Prior Year 1,154,242 Current Year 1,510,988
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		139,684,281 145,954,509
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		4,760,508 6,043,969
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		6,419,188 6,802,228
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		152,018,219 160,311,694
	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)		0 0
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0 0
Net Assets or Fund Balances	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)		93,747,292 100,274,834
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0 0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 0		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)		45,317,753 47,060,086
	18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		139,065,045 147,334,920
	19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12		12,953,174 12,976,774

Part III

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

The Joint Commission periodically evaluates and accredits nearly 21,000 health care organizations and programs in the US. The comprehensive accreditation process evaluates an organization's compliance with state-of-the-art standards and other accreditation requirements that directly and indirectly relate to the quality and safety of care provided by the organization. (See Schedule O.)

2 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

3 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

4 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 \$ 111,264,283 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 142,259,059)

SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION FEES ARE GENERATED AS A CONSEQUENCE OF PERFORMING ACCREDITATION SURVEYS THAT ARE DESIGNED TO EVALUATE AN ORGANIZATION'S COMPLIANCE WITH STATE-OF-THE-ART STANDARDS AND THEIR ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS. ABOUT 13,000 SURVEYS WERE COMPLETED AT THE REQUEST OF HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS TO DETERMINE IF THE ORGANIZATION MEETS THE STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION. THE SUBSCRIPTION BILLING PROGRAM ALLOWS ORGANIZATIONS TO PAY AN ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEE FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE ONGOING SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION. REVENUE FROM ANNUAL ACCREDITATION SUBSCRIPTION FEES IS RECOGNIZED RATABLY OVER THE PERIOD TO WHICH THE SUBSCRIPTION FEES RELATE. ABOUT 20,000 ORGANIZATIONS WERE ENROLLED IN 2015 FOR A SUBSCRIPTION FEE PLAN.

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 4,061,251 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 3,695,450)

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT & RELATED ACTIVITIES (ORYX) AT THE JOINT COMMISSION ADVANCES HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND PATIENT SAFETY BY UNDERTAKING SCIENTIFICALLY CREDIBLE RESEARCH THAT INFORMS HEALTH SERVICES PRACTICE AND POLICY. THE PROGRAM SUPPORTS THE DEVELOPMENT OF EVIDENCE-BASED AND MEANINGFUL PERFORMANCE MEASURES, SOUND STATISTICAL AND ANALYTICAL APPROACHES TO DATA ANALYSIS, AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT AND PATIENT SAFETY STRATEGIES.

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ _____ including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)

4e	Total program service expenses ▶	115,325,534
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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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A 	1 Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)? 	2 Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3	No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II 	4 Yes	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI 	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII 	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 	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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 	11f Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a	No
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional 	12b Yes	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV 	14b Yes	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	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 domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21		No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	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? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a	24a	Yes	
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		No
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	Yes	
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		No
25a	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35b	Yes	
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	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

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
c	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.		
b	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	
b	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
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		No
c	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
b	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).		
a	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?		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.		
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		No
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		No
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders.		
b	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?		
b	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.		
a	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.		
b	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.		
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand.		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		No
b	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	32	
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	30	
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?		No
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?		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	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?	Yes	
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	Yes	
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
8a	a The governing body?	Yes	
8b	b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	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		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?		No
10b	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?		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	Yes	
11b	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	Yes	
12b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	Yes	
12c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	Yes	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	Yes	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	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?		
15a	a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	Yes	
15b	b Other officers or key employees of the organization	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?		No
16b	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?		

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.
☒ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ 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, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records
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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

[illegible]

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

[illegible]

1b	Sub-Total			
c	Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A			
d	Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	8,220,278	407,460	2,253,934

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ► 204

		Yes	No
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>	3 Yes	
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>	4 Yes	
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>	5 Yes	

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 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
LEOPARDO COMPANIES INC 333 W WACKER DRIVE CHICAGO, IL 60606	Office Remodeling Services	5,436,293
AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION 7272 GREENVILLE AVE DALLAS, TX 75235	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES/CERTIFICATIONS	2,728,775
TILTON KELLY & BELL LLC 55 WEST MONROE ST CHICAGO, IL 60603	Architect & Office Remodeling Services	692,172
Expens IT Services US LLC PO Box 905378 Charlotte, NC 28290	IT CONSULTING SERVICES	689,278
LOGICALIS INC P O BOX 67000 DETROIT, MI 482671723	IT CONSULTING SERVICES	657,104

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ▶ 47

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 1a _____	1,510,988					
	b	Membership dues 1b _____						
	c	Fundraising events 1c _____						
	d	Related organizations 1d _____						
	e	Government grants (contributions) 1e _____ 1,418,464						
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1f _____ 92,524						
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____						
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶						
Program Service Revenue		Business Code _____						
	2a	Survey Fees _____ 900099	67,056,903	67,056,903				
	b	Annual Subscription _____ 900099	74,573,796	74,573,796				
	c	Performance Measurements _____ 900099	3,695,450	3,695,450				
	d	Honorarium Fees _____ 900099	147,606	147,606				
	e	Other Revenue _____ 532000	480,754	480,754				
	f	All other program service revenue _____	0	0	0	0		
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶	145,954,509					
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶	2,432,739			2,432,739		
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . ▶						
	5	Royalties ▶	1,039,124			1,039,124		
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal					
		b Less rental expenses						
		c Rental income or (loss)	0					0
	d	Net rental income or (loss) ▶						
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other					
		59,491,419						
		b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	55,880,189					
		c Gain or (loss)	3,611,230					0
	d	Net gain or (loss) ▶	3,611,230			3,611,230		
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 a							
		b Less direct expenses b						
		c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . ▶						
	9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 a							
		b Less direct expenses b						
		c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities ▶						
	10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a							
		b Less cost of goods sold b						
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . ▶							
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code						
11a	Shared Services Fee from Related Tax Exempt Organizations _____ 900099	5,763,104	5,763,104					
b	_____							
c	_____							
d	All other revenue	0	0	0	0			
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶	5,763,104						
12	Total revenue. See Instructions ▶	160,311,694	151,717,613	0	7,083,093			

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 ☐

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 domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	8,675,696	3,948,147	4,727,549	
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	74,477,041	62,306,928	12,170,113	
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	5,138,343	4,225,277	913,066	
9	Other employee benefits	6,354,801	5,749,345	605,456	
10	Payroll taxes	5,628,953	4,659,899	969,054	
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal	754,000	143,861	610,139	
c	Accounting	213,495	23,000	190,495	
d	Lobbying	224,575	0	224,575	
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees	711,410		711,410	
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	6,880,488	4,372,941	2,507,547	0
12	Advertising and promotion	801,540	569,373	232,167	
13	Office expenses	1,361,303	859,342	501,961	
14	Information technology	1,737,896	214,650	1,523,246	
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	1,979,077	741,617	1,237,460	
17	Travel	23,230,680	22,948,638	282,042	
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	1,559,387	1,084,204	475,183	
20	Interest	506,651	237,670	268,981	
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	3,756,401	1,389,945	2,366,456	
23	Insurance	911,068	911,068		
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	Equipment Rental & Repairs	858,824	534,336	324,488	
b	Reference Materials	267,095	17,985	249,110	
c	Bad Debt Expense	268,063	268,063	0	
d	Recruitment	761,065	116,245	644,820	
e	All other expenses	277,068	0	277,068	0
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	147,334,920	115,322,534	32,012,386	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 ☐ 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			1		
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		25,716,206	2	35,645,996	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			3		
	4	Accounts receivable, net		10,280,979	4	12,410,992	
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L			5	0	
	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			6	0	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net			7		
	8	Inventories for sale or use		10,864	8	10,804	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		2,608,379	9	2,723,594	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	74,368,745			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	41,960,702	24,295,375	10c	32,408,043
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		56,676,978	11	57,499,257	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		70,348,737	12	68,275,867	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		0	13		
	14	Intangible assets		110,467	14	305,765	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		0	15	0	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		190,047,985	16	209,280,318		
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		12,441,397	17	14,932,935	
	18	Grants payable			18		
	19	Deferred revenue		2,926,334	19	3,765,789	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		11,840,000	20	24,924,235	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D			21		
	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			22		
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties			23		
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties			24		
	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		19,676,777	25	18,631,633	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		46,884,508	26	62,254,592	
	Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.					
27		Unrestricted net assets		143,163,477	27	147,025,726	
28		Temporarily restricted net assets			28		
29		Permanently restricted net assets			29		
Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☐ 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		143,163,477	33	147,025,726	
34		Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		190,047,985	34	209,280,318	

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	160,311,694
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	147,334,920
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	12,976,774
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	143,163,477
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-6,750,759
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	-2,360,766
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	147,025,726

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 ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ 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 ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis		No
b	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 ☐ Separate basis ☒ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
c	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
b	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		

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(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			
Mark Chassin MD MPP MPH President & CEO	35 0	X		X				1,280,679	0	55,942
Craig W Jones FACHE Chair	4 0	X		X				50,598	0	0
David L Bronson MD Vice Chair	4 0	X		X				598	0	0
John A Babiarz Commissioner	2 0	X						0	0	0
LD Bntt MD Commissioner	3 0	X						0	0	0
Charles R Buck Jr ScD Commissioner	2 0	X						0	0	0
Roger W Bush MD Commissioner	5 0	X						626	0	0
Joan Shinkus Clark Commissioner	2 0	X						0	0	0
Ilene Conna Commissioner	2 0	X						0	0	0
Grant C Davies FACHE Commissioner	3 0	X						526	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Joan Doyle RN MSN MBA Commissioner	3 0	X						598	0	0
Jane D Englebright PhD Commissioner	2 0	X						0	0	0
Michael F Hogan PhD Commissioner	2 0	X						0	0	0
M Nicole Jamali MD Commissioner	2 0	X						72	0	0
Mark A Kelley MD Commissioner	2 0	X						0	0	0
Marie E Knedler RN MS MBA FACHE Commissioner	2 0	X						626	0	0
Connie S March Commissioner	3 0	X						0	0	0
Mary Anne McCaffree MD Commissioner	2 0	X						626	0	0
Mary H McGrath MD Commissioner	5 0	X						0	0	0
Gregg S Meyer MD Commissioner	2 0	X						526	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Aune Hollingsworth Miller Commissioner	3 0	X						681	0	0
Albert J Osbahr III MD Commissioner	3 0	X						0	0	0
Carlos A Pelleginni MD Commissioner	3 0	X						526	0	0
Stephen R Permut MD Commissioner	3 0	X						598	0	0
David Perrott DDS MD Commissioner	6 0 1 0	X						0	0	0
David B Pryor MD Commissioner	2 0 2 0	X						526	0	0
Chnstopher Queram Commissioner	2 0 2 0	X						681	0	0
R Timothy Rice FACHE Commissioner	3 0	X						72	0	0
Steven S Sharfstein MD Commissioner	2 0	X						598	0	0
J B Silvers PhD Commissioner	2 0 2 0	X						681	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Carl A Siro MD Commissioner	3 0	X						0	0	0
Rebecca J Patchin MD Commissioner	2 0 1 0	X						0	0	0
David Baker MD MPH FACP Exec VP Health Care Quality Evaluation	40 0			X				448,202	0	96,021
Anne Marie Benedicto Chief of Staff & Exec VP	39 0 1 0			X				231,001	0	24,944
Ann Scott Blouin PhD RN FACHE Exec VP Customer Relations	40 0			X				1,176,302	0	412,213
Harold Bressler General Counsel	39 0 1 0			X				320,234	0	68,612
Lynn Dragisic Exec VP Support Operations	39 0 1 0			X				393,355	0	159,980
Brian Enochs JD Exec VP Bus Dev & Marketing	40 0			X				86,665	0	24,294
John Mache Chief Information Officer	40 0			X				343,148	0	209,029
Ana Pujols McKee MD Exec VP & Chief Medical Officer	40 0			X				617,989	0	28,215

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Charles Mowll Executive Vice President	40 0			X				238,563	0	31,299
Mark Pelletier RN MS Chief Operating Officer, Accred & Cert Ops	39 0 1 0			X				403,432	0	153,356
Paige Rodgers CPA Chief Financial Officer	38 0 2 0			X				472,575	0	511,521
Lisa Diehl Vandecaveye JD HRM FACHE General Counsel	39 0 1 0			X				203,202	0	44,934
Margaret Van Amnng MHS Exec VP Public Policy & Govnt Relations	39 0 1 0			X				0	407,460	121,758
Barbara Buturusis Director Development Field Staff	40 0				X			188,527	0	43,068
Michael DeGraff Director Tech Services & Security	40 0				X			157,325	0	22,483
Anoop Verma Dir Applications Development	40 0				X			211,918	0	16,666
Fran Carroll Corporate Compliance & Privacy Officer	40 0					X		200,402	0	24,998
David Gilmartin Associate General Counsel	40 0					X		248,414	0	43,431

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

Employer identification number
36-2229255

Part I

Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)

- 1

☐

A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2

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A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).**(Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ))
- 3

☐

A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4

☐

A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state _____
- 5

☐

An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II)
- 6

☐

A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7

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An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II)
- 8

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A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 9

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An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See**section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III)
- 10

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An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 11

☐

An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g
- a

☐

Type I. A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
- b

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Type II. A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
- c

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Type III functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
- d

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Type III non-functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
- e

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Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization
- f

Enter the number of supported organizations
- g

Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii)EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
Total						

Part II

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any unusual grants.)						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)

12

13 First five years.If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	
15 Public support percentage for 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	

16a 33 1/3% support test—2015.If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support test—2014.If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015.If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014.If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

18 Private foundation.If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions

Part IIISupport Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	2,487,209	3,125,663	1,902,807	1,154,242	1,510,988	10,180,909
2Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	127,333,477	137,010,728	142,545,602	139,684,281	145,954,509	692,528,597
3Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						0
4Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0
5The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0
6Total. Add lines 1 through 5	129,820,686	140,136,391	144,448,409	140,838,523	147,465,497	702,709,506
7aAmounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	0	0	0	0	0	0
bAmounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year	0	0	0	0	0	0
cAdd lines 7a and 7b	0	0	0	0	0	0
8Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						702,709,506

Section B. Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
9Amounts from line 6	129,820,686	140,136,391	144,448,409	140,838,523	147,465,497	702,709,506
10aGross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	3,849,715	3,452,041	3,781,039	2,742,699	3,471,863	17,297,357
bUnrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975	0	0	0	0	0	0
cAdd lines 10a and 10b	3,849,715	3,452,041	3,781,039	2,742,699	3,471,863	17,297,357
11Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0
12Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)	3,682,007	4,932,412	5,006,477	5,437,147	5,763,104	24,821,147
13Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	137,352,408	148,520,844	153,235,925	149,018,369	156,700,464	744,828,010
14First five years.If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here	☐					

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage		
15Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	94.35%
16Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	94.44%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage		
17Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	2.32%
18Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	2.44%
19a33 1/3% support tests—2015.If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	☒	
b33 1/3% support tests—2014.If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	☐	
20Private foundation.If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions	☐	

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 11 of Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.	1	
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).	2	
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.	3a	
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.	3b	
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.	3c	
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.	4a	
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.	4b	
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.	4c	
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).	5a	
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?	5b	
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?	5c	
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (a) its supported organizations, (b) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (c) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	6	
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in IRC 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35-percent controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).	7	
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part II of Schedule L (Form 990).	8	
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9a	
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9(a)) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9b	
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9(a)) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9c	
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of IRC 4943 because of IRC 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer b below.	10a	
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)	10b	
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?	11a	
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?	11b	
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.	11c	

Part IV

Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.</i>		
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.</i>		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).</i>		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (1) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (2) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (3) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
3 By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions) a ☐ The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below. b ☐ The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below. c ☐ The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).		
2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i>		
b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.</i>		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in Part VI.		
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.		

Part V **Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations**

1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970: **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E. ☐

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year)	1	
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI) _____		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount		Current Year	
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions) ☐		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required--see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015			
a			
b			
c			
d From 2013.			
e From 2014.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7 \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
a			
b			
c Excess from 2013.			
d From 2014.			
e From 2015.			

Part VI **Supplemental Information.**

Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule A, Part III, Line 12 Other Income	DESCRIPTION - FEES FROM RELATED ORGANIZATIONS, COLUMN A - 3682007 0, COLUMN B - 4932412 0, COLUMN C - 5006477 0, COLUMN D - 5437147 0, COLUMN E - 5763104 0, COLUMN F - 24821147 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.
▶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" on 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" on 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" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

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

Name of the organization Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations	Employer identification number 36-2229255
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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	\$
3	Volunteer hours	

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?	☐ Yes ☐ No
4a	Was a correction made?	☐ Yes ☐ 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	\$
2	Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities	\$
3	Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b	\$
4	Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	☐ Yes ☐ 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-
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

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><th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th><th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th></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														
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														
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?

☐ Yes ☐ 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 separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a)2012	(b)2013	(c)2014	(d)2015	(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 on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity

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?

(a)

Yes

No

(b)

Amount

No

Yes

No

No

No

No

Yes

224,575

No

No

224,575

No

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?

2

Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?

3

Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?

Yes

No

1

2

3

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

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

b

Carryover from last year

c

Total

3

Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues

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?

5

Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)

1

2a

2b

2c

3

4

5

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, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule C, Part II-B, Line 1 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE LOBBYING ACTIVITY	The Joint Commission made direct contact with legislators or their staffs and paid fees to a third party firm for professional services which included lobbying activities. These activities related to health care legislation and related issues that the Joint Commission believes will help improve patient safety and quality of health care.
Schedule C, Part II-B, Line 1 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE LOBBYING ACTIVITY	The Joint Commission made direct contact with legislators or their staffs and paid fees to a third party firm for professional services which included lobbying activities. These activities related to health care legislation and related issues that the Joint Commission believes will help improve patient safety and quality of health care.

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

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

Name of the organization
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

Employer identification number
36-2229255

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

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate value of 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? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
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? ☐ Yes ☐ No	

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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)

☐ Protection of natural habitat

☐ Preservation of open space

☐ Preservation of an historically important land area

☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

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, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
►

7

Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, 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" on 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)

Revenue included on 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

Revenue included on 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

b

☐ Scholarly research

c

☐ Preservation for future generations

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

e

☐ Other

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" on 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

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?

☐ 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 on 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

(ii) related organizations

3a(i)

3a(ii)

Yes

No

b

If "Yes" on 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)	Accumulated (c) depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		4,204,400		4,204,400
b Buildings		36,966,316	17,586,948	19,379,368
c Leasehold improvements		271,266	206,387	64,879
d Equipment		8,346,574	5,609,130	2,737,444
e Other		24,580,189	18,558,237	6,021,952
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				32,408,043

Part VII

Investments—Other Securities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A) Mutual & Comingled Funds - Domestic Equity Funds		
(B) Mutual & Comingled Funds - International Equity Funds		
(C) Mutual & Comingled Funds - Fixed Income & Bonds		
(D) Mutual & Comingled Funds - Domestic Equity Funds	25,883,709	F
(E) Mutual & Comingled Funds - International Equity Funds	28,254,577	F
(F) Mutual & Comingled Funds - Fixed Income & Bonds	553,652	F
(G) Common & Collective Funds - Measured at NAV	13,583,929	F
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)	68,275,867	

Part VIII

Investments—Program Related. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)		

Part IX

Other Assets. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d See Form 990, Part X, line 15

(a) Description	(b) Book value
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15)	 ▶

Part X

Other Liabilities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value	
Federal income taxes	0	
Deferred Swap	47,305	
Unrestricted Operating Pledge to Affiliate	2,000,000	
Fair value of hedge	422,837	
Accrued pension liability	16,161,491	
Due to Affiliate		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)	18,631,633	

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740) Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII ☒

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	155,462,362
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	-6,750,759
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	2,070,757
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	-4,680,002
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	160,142,364
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	169,330
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	0
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	169,330
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	160,311,694

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	151,600,113
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	4,431,523
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	4,431,523
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	147,168,590
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	169,330
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	0
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	169,330
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	147,337,920

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 X, Line 2 FIN 48 (ASC 740) footnote	The Internal Revenue Service has determined that The Joint Commission and its affiliates are exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Joint Commission and its affiliates are subject to income taxes on income determined to be unrelated business taxable income. The Joint Commission accounts for income tax uncertainties in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 740-10, Income taxes - overall (formerly known as FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for uncertainty in Income taxes), which prescribes a comprehensive model for how an organization should measure, recognize, present, and disclose in its financial statements uncertain tax positions that an organization has taken or expects to take on a tax return. The Joint Commission has analyzed tax positions taken for filing with the Internal Revenue Service and all state jurisdictions where it operates. The Joint Commission believes that income tax filing positions will be sustained upon examination and does not anticipate any adjustments that would result in a material adverse affect on the Joint Commission's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. Accordingly, the Joint Commission has not recorded any reserves, or related accruals for interest and penalties for uncertain income tax positions at December 31, 2015 or 2014 for its United States operations.

Part XIII **Supplemental Information** *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule D, Part XII, Line 2(d) Other expenses in audited financial statements not in form 990	Transfer of net assets to Affiliate - operating - 2000000 Change in unrecognized net defined benefit plan costs not yet recognized in net periodic benefit cost - 2431523

SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990,
Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.
► Attach to Form 990.

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

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Part I

General Information on Activities Outside the United States.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

- 1 For grantmakers. Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?

☐ Yes ☐ No
- 2 For grantmakers. Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States
- 3 Activities per Region (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e g , fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in region
(1) Europe (Including Iceland and Greenland)	0	3	Program Services	Sending agents of the organization to perform accreditation survey services to evaluate an organization's compliance with state-of-the-art accreditation standards	15,493
(2) East Asia and the Pacific	0	1	Speaking engagements,Conference Travel	Sending agents of the organization to attend and/or speak at seminars and conferences	5,003
(3) Middle East and North Africa	0	1	Speaking engagements,Conference Travel	Sending agents of the organization to attend and/or speak at seminars and conferences	9,139
(4) North America (Canada & Mexico only)	0	3	Speaking engagements,Conference Travel	Sending agents of the organization to attend and/or speak at seminars and conferences	6,705
(5)					
3a Sub-total	0	8			36,340
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I	0	0			0
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	0	8			36,340

Part II **Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1	(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of non-cash assistance	(h) Description of non-cash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)									
(2)									
(3)									
(4)									

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter ▶ _____

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities ▶ _____

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 16.
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of non-cash assistance	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							
(13)							
(14)							
(15)							
(16)							
(17)							
(18)							

Part IV Foreign Forms

- 1

Was the organization a U S transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U S Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926)*

☐

Yes

☒

No
- 2

Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 3520, Annual Return to Report Transactions with Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U S Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A, do not file with Form 990)*

☐

Yes

☒

No
- 3

Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U S Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations (see Instructions for Form 5471)*

☐

Yes

☒

No
- 4

Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund (see Instructions for Form 8621)*

☐

Yes

☒

No
- 5

Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U S Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships (see Instructions for Form 8865)*

☐

Yes

☒

No
- 6

Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713, do not file with Form 990)*

☐

Yes

☒

No

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Part V Supplemental Information

Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

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" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
 ► Attach to Form 990.
 ► Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I

Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items. ☒ First-class or charter travel ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use ☐ Travel for companions ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence ☐ Tax indemnification and gross-up payments ☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees ☐ Discretionary spending account ☒ Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)		
b 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.	1b	Yes
2 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?	2	Yes
3 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. ☒ Compensation committee ☐ Written employment contract ☒ Independent compensation consultant ☒ Compensation survey or study ☐ Form 990 of other organizations ☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:		
a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	4a	Yes
b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	4b	Yes
c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?	4c	No
If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III. Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.		
5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:		
a The organization?	5a	Yes
b Any related organization?	5b	No
If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.		
6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:		
a The organization?	6a	Yes
b Any related organization?	6b	Yes
If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.		
7 For persons listed on 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.	7	No
8 Were any amounts reported on 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.	8	No
9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	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 on 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 in column(B) reported as deferred on 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 First-class or charter travel	The Joint Commission Board Travel Policy permits reimbursement for the purchase of upgrade coupons for first-class air travel. The Joint Commission's staff travel policy permits staff to fly business class on international flights, excluding Europe. First class travel benefits are not treated as taxable compensation to the interested person.
Schedule J, Part I, Line 1a Personal services	Certain officers are offered an allowance for tax preparation and financial planning services. Not all officers eligible for the services utilize them. These services are treated as taxable compensation and reported on Form 990, Part VII, Column D as Reportable Compensation.
Schedule J, Part I, Line 4a Severance or change-of-control payment	THE JOINT COMMISSION MADE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO AN AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH STAFF SEPARATIONS. THESE PAYMENTS WERE TREATED AS TAXABLE COMPENSATION AND REPORTED ON SCHEDULE J, PART II COLUMN (B)(III), OTHER REPORTABLE COMPENSATION.
Schedule J, Part I, Line 4b Supplemental nonqualified retirement plan	All officers are allowed to participate in a nonqualified supplemental defined benefit retirement plan. The increases in the value of the plan during the year are reflected in Column C Deferred Compensation on Schedule J, Part II.
Schedule J, Part I, Line 5a Compensation contingent on revenues of the organization	The Joint Commission's Human Resources and Compensation Committee approved the 2014 and 2015 gainshare plans, which provide financial awards to staff for performance that contributes to the mission and objectives of the Joint commission. The plan is self-funded, in that all awards for 2014 and 2015 were contingent upon whether the actual financial results for the Joint Commission exceeded the Joint Commission's budgeted net earnings in excess of 2% over budget, the actual financial results met or exceeded the Organization's budgeted revenues, and the Joint Commission met or exceeded a net promotor score rating. Individual gainsharing awards were capped at \$3,000 for both 2014 and 2015. There were no 2014 awards accrued for in the year ended December 31, 2014. The 2015 awards were accrued for in the year ended December 31, 2015 and will be paid out in 2016.
Schedule J, Part I, Line 6a Compensation contingent on net earnings of the organization	The Joint Commission's Human Resources and Compensation Committee approved the 2014 and 2015 gainshare plans, which provide financial awards to staff for performance that contributes to the mission and objectives of the Joint commission. The plan is self-funded, in that all awards for 2014 and 2015 were contingent upon whether the actual financial results for the Joint Commission exceeded the Joint Commission's budgeted net earnings in excess of 2% over budget, the actual financial results met or exceeded the Organization's budgeted revenues, and the Joint Commission met or exceeded a net promotor score rating. Individual gainsharing awards were capped at \$3,000 for both 2014 and 2015. There were no 2014 awards accrued for in the year ended December 31, 2014. The 2015 awards were accrued for in the year ended December 31, 2015 and will be paid out in 2016.
Schedule J, Part I, Line 6b Compensation contingent on net earnings of a related organization	For the corporate gainsharing plan to be paid, all awards were contingent upon whether the actual operating margin financial results for the Enterprise exceeded the Enterprise's budgeted net earnings excess of 2% over budget.

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

(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 in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base Compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1Mark Chassin MD MPP MPH President & CEO	(i)	913,139	126,850	240,690	25,053	30,889	1,336,621	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1David Baker MD MPH FACP Exec VP Health Care Quality Evaluation	(i)	392,955	45,000	10,247	78,917	17,104	544,223	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2Anne Marie Benedicto Chief of Staff & Exec VP	(i)	224,278	0	6,723	6,490	18,454	255,945	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3Ann Scott Blouin PhD RN FACHE Exec VP Customer Relations	(i)	382,042	0	794,260	394,005	18,208	1,588,515	780,471
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4Harold Bressler General Counsel	(i)	253,709	0	66,525	52,768	15,844	388,846	57,689
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5Lynn Dragisic Exec VP Support Operations	(i)	317,406	0	75,949	130,867	29,113	553,335	58,743
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6John Mache Chief Information Officer	(i)	334,560	0	8,588	178,234	30,795	552,177	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7Ana Pujols McKee MD Exec VP & Chief Medical Officer	(i)	532,921	0	85,068	22,159	6,056	646,204	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8Charles Mowll Executive Vice President	(i)	166,403	0	72,160	19,493	11,806	269,862	65,425
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9Mark Pelletier RN MS Chief Operating Officer, Accred & Cert Ops	(i)	391,692	0	11,740	152,627	729	556,788	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10Paige Rodgers CPA Chief Financial Officer	(i)	459,808	0	12,767	490,622	20,899	984,096	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lisa Diehl Vandecaveye JD 11HRM FACHE General Counsel	(i)	170,727	20,000	12,475	35,629	9,305	248,136	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12Margaret Van Amnngge MHS Exec VP Public Policy & Govnt Relations	(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(ii)	332,439	0	75,021	115,130	6,628	529,218	69,342
13Barbara Buturusis Director Development Field Staff	(i)	181,047	4,642	2,838	13,613	29,455	231,595	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14Michael DeGraff Director Tech Services & Security	(i)	155,050	0	2,275	12,713	9,770	179,808	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15Anoop Verma Dir Applications Development	(i)	195,160	13,900	2,858	1,575	15,091	228,584	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16Fran Carroll Corporate Compliance & Privacy Officer	(i)	188,077	8,834	3,491	19,189	5,809	225,400	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17David Gilmartin Associate General Counsel	(i)	244,121	1,900	2,393	23,048	20,383	291,845	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18Manion Panagopoulos Sr Dir Quality Evaluation & Strategy	(i)	192,721	7,746	1,767	19,923	28,166	250,323	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19Michele Sacco Executive Director-Business Dev	(i)	128,721	7,829	77,293	0	16,678	230,521	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

(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 in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base Compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
21 Ronald Wyatt MD Medical Director & Chief Safety Officer	(i)	302,848	0	4,296	16,250	29,822	353,216	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	- 0	- 0	0
1 Paul Schyve Sr Advisor-Healthcare Improvement	(i)	214,211	0	1,754	41,814	8,517	266,296	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	- 0	- 0	0

Schedule K
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Name of the organization
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

Supplemental Information on Tax Exempt Bonds

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 24a. Provide descriptions, explanations, and any additional information in Part VI.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Information about Schedule K (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Bond Issues											
(a) Issuer name	(b) Issuer EIN	(c) CUSIP #	(d) Date issued	(e) Issue price	(f) Description of purpose	(g) Defeased		(h) On behalf of issuer		(i) Pool financing	
						Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
A Illinois Finance Authority	86-1091967		08-26-2015	16,000,000	(SEE STATEMENT)		X		X		X

Part II		Proceeds							
		A		B		C		D	
1	Amount of bonds retired	0							
2	Amount of bonds legally defeased	0							
3	Total proceeds of issue	16,000,000							
4	Gross proceeds in reserve funds	0							
5	Capitalized interest from proceeds	81,911							
6	Proceeds in refunding escrows	0							
7	Issuance costs from proceeds	229,946							
8	Credit enhancement from proceeds	0							
9	Working capital expenditures from proceeds	0							
10	Capital expenditures from proceeds	4,180,810							
11	Other spent proceeds	0							
12	Other unspent proceeds	11,589,244							
13	Year of substantial completion								
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
14	Were the bonds issued as part of a current refunding issue?		X						
15	Were the bonds issued as part of an advance refunding issue?		X						
16	Has the final allocation of proceeds been made?		X						
17	Does the organization maintain adequate books and records to support the final allocation of proceeds?								

Part III Private Business Use									
		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	Was the organization a partner in a partnership, or a member of an LLC, which owned property financed by tax-exempt bonds?		X						
2	Are there any lease arrangements that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?		X						

Part III Private Business Use (Continued)

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
3a	Are there any management or service contracts that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?	X							
b	If "Yes" to line 3a, does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any management or service contracts relating to the financed property?	X							
c	Are there any research agreements that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?	X							
d	If "Yes" to line 3c, does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any research agreements relating to the financed property?	X							
4	Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use by entities other than a section 501(c)(3) organization or a state or local government ▶	0 %							
5	Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use as a result of unrelated trade or business activity carried on by your organization, another section 501(c)(3) organization, or a state or local government ▶	0 %							
6	Total of lines 4 and 5	0 %							
7	Does the bond issue meet the private security or payment test? . . .		X						
8a	Has there been a sale or disposition of any of the bond-financed property to a nongovernmental person other than a 501(c)(3) organization since the bonds were issued?		X						
b	If "Yes" to line 8a, enter the percentage of bond-financed property sold or disposed of								
c	If "Yes" to line 8a, was any remedial action taken pursuant to Regulations sections 1.141-12 and 1.145-2?								
9	Has the organization established written procedures to ensure that all nonqualified bonds of the issue are remediated in accordance with the requirements under Regulations sections 1.141-12 and 1.145-2?	X							

Part IV Arbitrage

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	Has the issuer filed Form 8038-T, Arbitrage Rebate, Yield Reduction and Penalty in Lieu of Arbitrage Rebate?		X						
2	If "No" to line 1, did the following apply?								
a	Rebate not due yet?	X							
b	Exception to rebate?								
c	No rebate due?								
	If "Yes" to line 2c, provide in Part VI the date the rebate computation was performed								
3	Is the bond issue a variable rate issue?	X							
4a	Has the organization or the governmental issuer entered into a qualified hedge with respect to the bond issue?		X						
b	Name of provider								
c	Term of hedge								
d	Was the hedge superintegrated?								
e	Was the hedge terminated?								

Part IV

Arbitrage (Continued)

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
5a	Were gross proceeds invested in a guaranteed investment contract (GIC)?		X						
b	Name of provider								
c	Term of GIC								
d	Was the regulatory safe harbor for establishing the fair market value of the GIC satisfied?								
6	Were any gross proceeds invested beyond an available temporary period?		X						
7	Has the organization established written procedures to monitor the requirements of section 148? . . .	X							

Part V

Procedures To Undertake Corrective Action

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
	Has the organization established written procedures to ensure that violations of federal tax requirements are timely identified and corrected through the voluntary closing agreement program if self-remediation is not available under applicable regulations?	X							

Part VI

Supplemental Information. Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule K (see instructions).

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule K, Part I, Column (f) Description of Purpose	Bond proceeds are to finance a portion of the costs to renovate, remodel, and to purchase equipment for the Joint Commission headquarters building, and all necessary and attendant facilities, equipment, site work, zoning, entitlements and utilities related thereto

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 990-EZ 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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Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part III, Line 1 ORGANIZATION MISSION CONTINUED	(CONTINUATION FROM ABOVE) THESE ACCREDITATION SERVICES ARE PROVIDED FOR HOSPITALS, CLINICAL LABORATORIES, HOME CARE, LONG TERM CARE, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE, AND AMBULATORY CARE ORGANIZATIONS. JOINT COMMISSION ACCREDITATION AND CERTIFICATION ARE RECOGNIZED NATIONWIDE AS A SYMBOL OF QUALITY THAT REFLECTS AN ORGANIZATION'S COMMITMENT TO MEETING OPTIMUM ACHIEVABLE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS. TO EARN AND MAINTAIN THE JOINT COMMISSION'S GOLD SEAL OF APPROVAL, AN ORGANIZATION MUST UNDERGO AN ON-SITE SURVEY BY A JOINT COMMISSION SURVEY TEAM AT LEAST EVERY THREE YEARS. LABORATORIES MUST BE SURVEYED AT LEAST EVERY TWO YEARS. IN ORDER FOR A HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN AND RECEIVE PAYMENT FROM THE MEDICARE OR MEDICAID PROGRAMS, IT MUST MEET ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPATION, INCLUDING A CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION, SET FORTH IN FEDERAL REGULATIONS. THIS CERTIFICATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE BASIS OF SURVEYS CONDUCTED BY STATE AGENCIES ON BEHALF OF THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS). WHEN THE JOINT COMMISSION HAS DEVELOPED AND ENFORCES STANDARDS AND SURVEY PROCEDURES THAT MEET OR EXCEED THE FEDERAL CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION, CMS MAY GRANT THE JOINT COMMISSION "DEEMING" AUTHORITY AND DEEM EACH ACCREDITED HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATION AS MEETING MEDICARE AND MEDICAID CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS. IN FACT, FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES OFTEN RELY ON THE EXPERTISE AND STANDARDS OF THE JOINT COMMISSION. FEDERAL DEEMED STATUS OPTIONS ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR AMBULATORY CARE SURGICAL CENTERS, CLINICAL LABORATORIES, CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS, HOME HEALTH AGENCIES, PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS, HOSPICES AND HOSPITALS. TO CONDUCT ITS ACCREDITATION SURVEYS, THE JOINT COMMISSION EMPLOYS AN EXPERIENCED, TRAINED CADRE OF APPROXIMATELY 500 SURVEYORS THAT INCLUDE LIFE SAFETY SPECIALISTS. BEYOND BASIC EDUCATION IN THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS, SURVEYORS RECEIVE EDUCATION IN SYSTEMS THEORY, ORGANIZATION BEHAVIOR, AND EVALUATION TECHNIQUES, AND ROBUST PROCESS IMPROVEMENT METHODS AND TOOLS. THE JOINT COMMISSION ALSO AWARDS DISEASE-SPECIFIC CARE CERTIFICATION TO HEALTH PLANS, DISEASE MANAGEMENT SERVICE COMPANIES, HOSPITALS AND OTHER CARE DELIVERY SETTINGS THAT PROVIDE DISEASE MANAGEMENT AND CHRONIC CARE SERVICES. THE JOINT COMMISSION'S CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATIONS OF DISEASE OR CONDITION-SPECIFIC SERVICES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ASTHMA, DIABETES, CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE, CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE, CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE, SKIN AND WOUND MANAGEMENT, PRIMARY STROKE CARE, JOINT REPLACEMENT, SPINAL SURGERY PROGRAMS, PALLIATIVE CARE, PERINATAL, INTEGRATED, AND PATIENT BLOOD MANAGEMENT. ADVANCED CERTIFICATION DISEASE-SPECIFIC CARE PROGRAMS ARE ALSO OFFERED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION, WHICH ARE DEVELOPED IN COLLABORATION WITH INDUSTRY EXPERTS, IN VARIOUS AREAS SUCH AS CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE, HEART FAILURE, PRIMARY STROKE AND COMPREHENSIVE STROKE, VENTRICULAR ASSIST DEVICES, DIABETES DISEASE, AND CHRONIC PULMONARY DISEASE. THE JOINT COMMISSION'S HEALTH CARE STAFFING SERVICES CERTIFICATION PROGRAM PROVIDES INDEPENDENT, THOROUGH EVALUATIONS OF THE ABILITY OF STAFFING FIRMS TO PROVIDE COMPETENT STAFFING SERVICES. THE JOINT COMMISSION DEVELOPED THIS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM TO MEET QUALITY OVERSIGHT NEEDS THAT HAVE ARISEN BECAUSE OF THE ONGOING SHORTAGES OF NURSES AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL. THESE SHORTAGES FORCE HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS TO FILL POSITIONS WITH TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES PROVIDED BY STAFFING FIRMS, WHICH ARE OFTEN NOT OTHERWISE SUBJECT TO ANY QUALITY OVERSIGHT MECHANISM. (CONTINUATION BELOW)

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part III, Line 1 ORGANIZATION MISSION CONTINUED	(CONTINUATION FROM ABOVE) AT THEIR HEART, ACCREDITATION AND CERTIFICATION ARE RISK-REDUCTION ACTIVITIES. COMPLIANCE WITH APPROPRIATE STANDARDS REDUCES THE RISK OF ADVERSE OUTCOMES. THE JOINT COMMISSION SPECIFICALLY TARGETS IMPROVEMENT IN PATIENT SAFETY THROUGH THE FOLLOWING EFFORTS: PATIENT SAFETY-RELATED STANDARDS. JOINT COMMISSION STANDARDS ADDRESS PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTATIONS IN KEY FUNCTIONAL AREAS, SUCH AS PATIENT RIGHTS, MEDICATION MANAGEMENT, AND INFECTION CONTROL. THE STANDARDS AND ON-SITE EVALUATION PROCESS FOCUS NOT SIMPLY ON AN ORGANIZATION'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE SAFE, HIGH QUALITY CARE, BUT ON ITS ACTUAL PERFORMANCE. ALL STANDARDS RELATE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO SAFETY AND QUALITY-RELATED PATIENT OUTCOMES. THE JOINT COMMISSION DEVELOPS AND UPDATES ITS STANDARDS IN CONSULTATION WITH HEALTH CARE EXPERTS, PROVIDERS, PRACTITIONERS, MEASUREMENT EXPERTS, PURCHASERS AND CONSUMERS. OVER FIFTY PERCENT OF JOINT COMMISSION STANDARDS RELATE DIRECTLY TO PATIENT SAFETY, ADDRESSING A WIDE RANGE OF AREAS SUCH AS SURGERY AND ANESTHESIA, BLOOD TRANSFUSION, RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION, STAFFING AND STAFF COMPETENCE, FIRE SAFETY, MEDICAL EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AND SECURITY. PATIENT SAFETY STANDARDS ADDRESS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PATIENT SAFETY PROGRAMS, THE PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTAL HARM THROUGH THE PROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS AND REDESIGN OF VULNERABLE PATIENT SYSTEMS (E.G. THE ORDERING, PREPARATION, AND DISPENSING OF MEDICATIONS), AND THE ORGANIZATION'S RESPONSIBILITY TO TELL A PATIENT ABOUT ALL OUTCOMES OF THE CARE RESPECTING THAT PATIENT, WHETHER GOOD OR BAD. SENTINEL EVENT POLICY. THE JOINT COMMISSION'S SENTINEL EVENT POLICY IS DESIGNED TO HELP HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS TO IDENTIFY THE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF SENTINEL EVENTS AND TAKE ACTION TO PREVENT THEIR RECURRENCE. A SENTINEL EVENT IS AN UNEXPECTED OCCURRENCE INVOLVING DEATH OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL - INCLUDING LOSS OF LIMB OR FUNCTION - OR PSYCHOLOGICAL INJURY, OR THE RISK THEREOF. "RISK THEREOF" MEANS THAT, ALTHOUGH NO HARM OCCURRED ON THIS OCCASION, ANY RECURRENCE WOULD CREATE ANOTHER CHANCE FOR A SERIOUS ADVERSE OUTCOME. ANY TIME A SENTINEL EVENT OCCURS, THE HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATION IS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE A THOROUGH AND CREDIBLE ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS, IMPLEMENT IMPROVEMENTS TO REDUCE RISK, AND MONITOR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THOSE IMPROVEMENTS. THE ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS IS EXPECTED TO DRILL DOWN TO EXAMINE ALL RELEVANT ORGANIZATION SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES THAT COULD HAVE CONTRIBUTED THE FAILURES LEADING TO THE OCCURRENCE. THIS EXAMINATION PROVIDES THE BASIS FOR RE-DESIGN OF SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES TO PREVENT RECURRENCE OF SIMILAR OCCURRENCES IN THE FUTURE. THE SENTINEL EVENT POLICY ALSO ENCOURAGES ORGANIZATIONS TO REPORT SENTINEL EVENTS, THEIR ASSOCIATED ROOT CAUSES AND RELATED PREVENTIVE ACTIONS TO THE JOINT COMMISSION SO THAT THE JOINT COMMISSION CAN SHARE WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS DE-IDENTIFIED, AGGREGATE INFORMATION ABOUT "LESSONS LEARNED", AND THEREBY REDUCE THE RISK OF FUTURE SENTINEL EVENT OCCURRENCES ACROSS THE DELIVERY SYSTEM. SENTINEL EVENT ALERTS. A SENTINEL EVENT ALERT IS A PERIODIC NEWSLETTER OR WEBINAR THAT ADDRESSES SPECIFIC TYPES OF SENTINEL EVENTS, DESCRIBES THEIR COMMON UNDERLYING CAUSES, AND RECOMMENDS STEPS TO PREVENT FUTURE OCCURRENCES. INFORMATION FOR A SENTINEL EVENT ALERT IS DERIVED PRINCIPALLY FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION'S SENTINEL EVENT DATABASE. THE JOINT COMMISSION BEGAN PUBLISHING SENTINEL EVENT ALERTS IN 1998 TO REDEFINE THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF ADVERSE EVENT REPORTING AS BEING FOR LEARNING. SENTINEL EVENT ALERT HAS RAISED AWARENESS IN THE HEALTH CARE COMMUNITY AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE OCCURRENCE OF ADVERSE EVENTS AND WAYS THAT THESE EVENTS CAN BE PREVENTED IN THE FUTURE. PAST ISSUES AND WEBINARS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE JOINT COMMISSION WEBSITE. TOPICS HAVE INCLUDED MEDICATION ERRORS, WRONG-SITE SURGERY, RESTRAINT-RELATED DEATHS, BLOOD TRANSFUSION ERRORS, INPATIENT SUICIDES, INFANT ABDUCTIONS, FATAL FALLS, OPERATIVE/POST-OPERATIVE COMPLICATIONS, HEALTH CARE WORKER FATIGUE, BEHAVIORS THAT UNDERMINE A CULTURE OF SAFETY, MATERNITY DEATHS AND INJURIES, INFECTION CONTROL, AND PREVENTING RETAINED FOREIGN OBJECTS. NATIONAL PATIENT SAFETY GOALS. IN JULY 2002, THE JOINT COMMISSION ESTABLISHED ITS FIRST SET OF SIX NATIONAL PATIENT SAFETY GOALS (NPSGS) AND 11 RELATED SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPROVING THE SAFETY OF PATIENT CARE IN HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS. ALL JOINT COMMISSION ACCREDITED HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT GOAL-RELATED REQUIREMENTS-OR ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVES-THAT APPLY TO THEM. THE GOALS AND REQUIREMENTS ARE DRAWN FROM A "POOL" OF RECOMMENDATIONS IDENTIFIED BY THE PATIENT SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP AS EVIDENCE- OR CONSENSUS-BASED, COST-EFFECTIVE, AND FEASIBLE TO IMPLEMENT. EACH YEAR, RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SENTINEL EVENT ALERT PUBLISHED IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR AND FROM OTHER AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES ARE ADDED TO THE POOL. (CONTINUATION BELOW)

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part III, Line 1 ORGANIZATION MISSION CONTINUED	(CONTINUATION FROM ABOVE) OFFICE OF QUALITY AND PATIENT SAFETY THE JOINT COMMISSION'S OFFICE OF QUALITY AND PATIENT SAFETY RECEIVES, EVALUATES, TRACKS, AND AS APPROPRIATE, RESPONDS TO COMPLAINTS AND REPORTS OF CONCERN ABOUT HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS THAT RELATE TO SAFETY AND CARE ISSUES THIS INFORMATION COMES FROM PATIENTS, THEIR FAMILIES, ORGANIZATION STAFF, PRACTITIONERS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, AND OTHERS THE OFFICE MAINTAINS A TOLL FREE HOT LINE AND ALSO RECEIVES WRITTEN REPORTS BY MAIL OR E-MAIL WHEN A REPORT IS SUBMITTED, THE JOINT COMMISSION REVIEWS ANY PAST REPORTS AND THE ORGANIZATION'S MOST RECENT ACCREDITATION DECISION DEPENDING ON THE NATURE OF THE REPORTED CONCERN, THE JOINT COMMISSION WILL TAKE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS * INCORPORATE THE REPORTED CONCERN INTO THE QUALITY MONITORING DATABASE THAT IS USED TO TRACK HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS OVER TIME TO IDENTIFY TRENDS OR PATTERNS IN THEIR PERFORMANCE * ASK THE ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE REPORTED CONCERN * REVIEW THE REPORTED CONCERN AND COMPLIANCE WITH RELATED STANDARDS AT THE TIME OF THE ORGANIZATION'S NEXT ACCREDITATION SURVEY * CONDUCT AN UNANNOUNCED ON-SITE EVALUATION OF THE ORGANIZATION IF THE REPORT RAISES SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT A CONTINUING THREAT TO PATIENT SAFETY OR CONTINUING FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH STANDARDS INFECTION CONTROL INITIATIVES INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL IS A CRITICAL COMPONENT OF SAFE, QUALITY HEALTH CARE THE JOINT COMMISSION IS ADDRESSING THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE WITH A NUMBER OF INITIATIVES AND PRODUCTS * The Joint Commission conducted a project to determine the effectiveness of universal glove and gowning procedures in reducing HAI rates in the ICU * The Joint Commission conducted a project to determine whether a pre-operative antibiotic prophylaxis algorithm that includes the use of antibiotics shown to be effective against resistant gram-positive organisms is effective in reducing the number of SSIs attributable to resistant gram-positive organisms * The Joint Commission conducted a project (through a CDC cooperative agreement) to develop an educational on-line course for care providers regarding the use of Rapid Influenza Diagnostic Testing (RIDTs) in ambulatory settings The Joint Commission continues to host, promote, and update course to educate clinicians about the appropriate use of RIDTs within the context of circulating influenza types and prevalence In addition, another course was developed focusing on influenza pandemic preparedness * The Joint Commission conducted a project to identify how high reliability practices can be applied in facility-based long term care settings to reduce transmission of infection Two products resulted from this project an online, easy-to-use, engaging 50-minute e-learning module designed for the long term care (nursing home, assisted living) settings, which has been disseminated internationally, and, a searchable index of related resources, derived from a scoping literature review, that is intended to identify effective practices that improve reliability and reduce transmission of infections in nursing homes and assisted living facilities Both products are available at no charge * The Joint Commission continually works closely with CDC, SHEA, APIC, IDSA and other groups to help ensure coordination and collaboration among organizations working to reduce the burden of infections The Joint Commission's comprehensive accreditation standards and national patient safety goals specific to infection prevention and control have facilitated broader implementation of CDC practice recommendations These standards emphasize infection prevention, continuous strategic surveillance for infection and infection-related risks, and timely interventions to address identified problems * The Joint Commission collaborated with CDC/NIOSH/NPPTL to develop an educational monograph designed to assist hospitals in addressing common challenges and barriers in the implementation of respiratory protection programs The monograph, "Implementing Hospital Respiratory Protection Programs Strategies from the Field," features case study examples, strategies, and new resources The Joint Commission embarked on expanded dissemination of this monograph TO INCLUDE PRESENTATIONS AT NATIONAL FORUMS AND AN EDUCATIONAL WEBINAR HOSTED BY NIOSH IN SEPTEMBER OF 2015 * In September of 2015, The Joint Commission received funding from CDC to embark on a three-year funded project titled, "Adaptation and Dissemination of Outpatient Infection Prevention (ADOPT) Guidance " This project is designed to prevent healthcare associated infections in ambulatory settings by identifying gaps and inconsistencies in current infection control materials for outpatient settings and adapting materials to better meet the needs of outpatient settings * The Joint Commission collaborated with SHEA on a National hospital survey to estimate costs and benefits associated with measures required to prepare for handling Ebola patients (CONTINUATION BELOW)

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part III, Line 1 ORGANIZATION MISSION CONTINUED	(CONTINUATION FROM ABOVE) PATIENT SAFETY RESEARCH THE JOINT COMMISSION'S DIVISION OF HEALTHCARE QUALITY EVALUATION WORKS WITH EXTERNAL COLLABORATORS TO ADVANCE THE FIELD OF PATIENT SAFETY RESEARCH JOINT COMMISSION RESEARCH INITIATIVES HAVE INCLUDED * DEVELOPMENT OF A MONOGRAPH ON THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SYNERGY, COLLABORATION, AND INNOVATION BETWEEN PATIENT SAFETY AND WORKER SAFETY IN HEALTH CARE * Work on a project to create and pilot test an Informed Consent toolkit to help hospitals improve their informed consent process * Work with the Office of the National Coordinator to analyze Sentinel Event data associated with Health IT and development of a free online course (providing CE credit), titled "Investigating and Preventing Health Information Technology-Related Patient Safety Events" to teach staff how to identify, report and address health IT-related safety concerns in health care organizations * Work with Pfizer Independent Grants for Learning and Change (IGLC), previously known as the Pfizer Medical Education Group (PMEG), to successfully pilot test a partnership with the long-term goal to support an array of projects designed to accelerate the adoption of evidence-based innovations that improve patient care This collaboration was designed to utilize the Request for Proposal (RFP) process to identify, fund and oversee projects related to specific improvement objectives that align the mutual interests of patients, health care providers and the two partner organizations Phase II is focused on projects related to transitions of care (TOC) among a defined venous thromboembolism patient population Five awards were issued for two year research projects starting in 2016 * WORK ON A PROJECT WITH AHA'S HEALTH RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL TRUST (HRET) TO IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE UNIT-BASED SAFETY PROGRAM (CUSP) TO REDUCE CATHETER-ASSOCIATED URINARY TRACT INFECTION (CAUTI) IN LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES * WORK ON A PROJECT FUNDED BY BMS/PFIZER TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT COMPREHENSIVE PATIENT EDUCATION OR DISCHARGE MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE FOR VENOUS THROMBOEMBOLISM (VTE) PATIENTS BEING DISCHARGED ON ANTICOAGULANTS OTHER THAN WARFARIN ACCREDITATION AND CERTIFICATION STANDARDS JOINT COMMISSION STANDARDS ARE DEVELOPED WITH INPUT FROM HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, PROVIDERS, SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS, CONSUMERS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (INCLUDING THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES) AND EMPLOYERS THEY ARE INFORMED BY SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE AND EXPERT CONSENSUS AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NEW STANDARDS ARE ADDED ONLY IF THEY RELATE TO PATIENT SAFETY OR QUALITY OF CARE, HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON HEALTH OUTCOMES, MEET OR SURPASS LAW AND REGULATION, AND CAN BE ACCURATELY AND READILY MEASURED RECENT STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES HAVE INCLUDED * WORK WITH THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION AND AMERICAN STROKE ASSOCIATION TO DEVELOP ACUTE STROKE-READY REQUIREMENTS RELEASED IN JULY 2015 TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND SAFETY OF CARE FOR STROKE PATIENTS THE JOINT COMMISSION CONTINUES TO MONITOR THE RAPIDLY CHANGING SCIENCE IN THIS FIELD TO ASSURE REQUIREMENTS ALIGN WITH CURRENT SCIENCE * WORK WITH EXPERTS IN THE DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING FIELD TO IMPLEMENT STANDARDS TO ENSURE THE SAFE DELIVERY OF DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING SERVICES TO PATIENTS RECEIVING COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY (CT), NUCLEAR MEDICINE (NM), POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHY (PET), AND MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING (MRI) SERVICES THE JOINT COMMISSION IS CURRENTLY DEVELOPING STANDARDS ADDRESSING ADDITIONAL DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING TECHNOLOGIES * WORK WITH EXPERTS TO DEVELOP A perinatal care (PNC) CERTIFICATION PROGRAM RELEASED IN JULY 2015 that focus on achieving integrated, coordinated, patient-centered care that starts with prenatal care through postpartum care This certification focuses on the essential, high-value requirements that will improve perinatal outcomes for mothers and newborns who have been assessed as clinically uncomplicated * EXPANSION OF THE integrated care certification (ICC) program TO INCLUDE EVALUATION OF INPATIENT, OUTPATIENT AND NOW, POST-ACUTE CLINICAL CARE PARTNERS TO DO THE following A Establish AND MAINTAIN a strong foundation for care coordination and clinical integration B Decrease variation in the management of chronic disease and increase adherence to well-researched, evidence-based clinical practices C Create and demonstrate the capacity to efficiently coordinate and integrate patient care, treatment, and services D Build upon what these providers are already doing independently for patient care, treatment, and services and strengthen their capacities to support patients as they move among providers and home (CONTINUATION BELOW)

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part III, Line 1 ORGANIZATION MISSION CONTINUED	(CONTINUATION FROM ABOVE) * Research on telehealth issues across health care settings Existing standards are being evaluated and modified as necessary to reflect contemporary practices * Develop a Total Hip and Total Knee Replacement (THKR) Certification program for patients undergoing total hip and total knee replacement procedures This is an optional certification that is open to accredited organizations that provide total hip and total knee replacement procedures The requirements will support quality, consistency, and safety throughout the pre-operative, intra-operative, and post-operative phases of care It will address transitions that occur within each of those phases The program will apply to surgeries performed in inpatient, hospital-based outpatient, and ambulatory surgery settings * Develop a Community Based Palliative Care (CBPC) Certification program for the Home Care program This is an optional Certification that is open to accredited Home Health and Hospice organizations that provide palliative care services to patients and families in their homes CBPC is provided by an interdisciplinary team of doctors, nurses, social workers, chaplains, and other home care providers who work together to coordinate care, treatment, and services for the patient The CBPC standards and elements of performance (EPs) are based on the 2013 Clinical Practice Guidelines for Quality Palliative Care, 3rd ed, the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization's Standards of Practice for Pediatric Palliative Care and Hospice (2010), and other current palliative care professional literature * Development of a Comprehensive Cardiac Center Certification program for Joint Commission- accredited hospitals This is an optional certification program to recognize hospitals that demonstrate they deliver excellence in comprehensive cardiac care through a combination of standards compliance, clinical performance on targeted metrics, and achievement and/or maintenance of required Advanced Disease-Specific Care requirements THE SPEAK UP INITIATIVES SINCE 2002, THE JOINT COMMISSION, TOGETHER WITH THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS), CONTINUE TO DEVELOP MATERIALS WITH A NATIONAL SPEAK UP PROGRAM TO URGE PATIENTS TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN PREVENTING HEALTH CARE ERRORS BY BECOMING INVOLVED AND INFORMED PARTICIPANTS ON THE HEALTH CARE TEAM THE SPEAK UP PROGRAM FEATURES BROCHURES, POSTERS AND BUTTONS ON A VARIETY OF PATIENT SAFETY TOPICS INCLUDING THOSE LISTED BELOW SPEAK UP BROCHURES ARE AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT NO COST ON THE JOINT COMMISSION'S WEBSITE * HELP PREVENT ERRORS IN YOUR CARE * HELP AVOID MISTAKES IN YOUR SURGERY * TIPS FOR YOUR DOCTOR'S VISIT * INFORMATION FOR LIVING ORGAN DONORS * FIVE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT INFECTION * HELP AVOID MISTAKES WITH YOUR MEDICINE * WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT RESEARCH STUDIES * PLANNING YOUR FOLLOW-UP CARE * HELP PREVENT MEDICAL TEST MISTAKES * KNOW YOUR RIGHTS * UNDERSTANDING YOUR DOCTORS AND OTHER CAREGIVERS * PREVENT ERROR'S IN YOUR CHILD'S CARE * WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT PAIN MANAGEMENT * REDUCE YOUR RISK OF FALLING * DIALYSIS - FIVE WAYS TO BE ACTIVE IN YOUR CARE AT THE HOSPITAL * DIABETES - FIVE WAYS TO BE ACTIVE IN YOUR CARE AT THE HOSPITAL * WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BREASTFEEDING * WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT STROKE * WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT MEMORY PROBLEMS & DEMENTIA * WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOUR DEPRESSION * ASK YOUR ADVOCATE TO SPEAK UP * SPEAK UP AT HOME, KID POWER, & AT THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE * WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOUR SERIOUS ILLNESS & PALLIATIVE CARE * SPEAK UP RIGHT ID, RIGHT CARE THE JOINT COMMISSION HAS ALSO DEVELOPED A SERIES OF ANIMATED SPEAK UP VIDEOS TO ENCOURAGE PATIENTS TO SPEAK UP AND BE ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THEIR HEALTH CARE PRODUCED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION, THESE ENTERTAINING 60-SECOND VIDEOS ARE INTENDED AS PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AIR ON THE JOINT COMMISSION'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL, ON THE JOINT COMMISSION WEBSITE, AND IN OTHER VENUES THE CAST OF CHARACTERS INTRODUCED IN THE VIDEOS ENCOUNTER EVERYDAY SITUATIONS WHERE THEY HAVE TO READ INSTRUCTIONS, INSPECT LABELS, AND "SPEAK UP" TO ASK THEIR DOCTORS AND CAREGIVERS QUESTIONS THE VIDEOS POINT OUT THAT YOU SHOULD BE JUST AS COMFORTABLE SPEAKING UP ABOUT YOUR HEALTH CARE WHETHER IN A DOCTOR'S OFFICE OR AT THE HOSPITAL THE VIDEOS HAVE PROVEN TO BE WIDELY POPULAR WITH AUDIENCES ALL OVER THE WORLD, AND HAVE BEEN DOWNLOADED BY ORGANIZATIONS IN MORE THAN 40 COUNTRIES (CONTINUATION BELOW)

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part III, Line 1 ORGANIZATION MISSION CONTINUED	(CONTINUATION FROM ABOVE) QUALITY CHECK AND QUALITY REPORTS QUALITY CHECK OFFERS A COMPREHENSIVE COMPENDIUM OF QUALITY AND SAFETY-RELATED PERFORMANCE INFORMATION ON THE NEARLY 21,000 JOINT COMMISSION-ACCREDITED HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES THESE QUALITY REPORTS MAKE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING ORGANIZATION ACCREDITATION STATUS, PERFORMANCE IN CARING FOR PATIENTS WITH COMMON CONDITIONS (SUCH AS PNEUMONIA) AND COMPLIANCE WITH NATIONAL PATIENT SAFETY GOAL REQUIREMENTS, AMONG OTHER FEATURES QUALITY REPORTS UTILIZE A USER-FRIENDLY FORMAT WITH CHECKS, PLUSES AND MINUSES TO HELP THE PUBLIC COMPARE HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATION PERFORMANCE IN KEY AREAS OTHER RESOURCES THE JOINT COMMISSION ESTABLISHED THE HEALTH CARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS (HAI) PORTAL IN 2011 THE WEBSITE IS A RICH RESOURCE OF INFORMATION RELATED TO HEALTH CARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS ALL INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE IS AVAILABLE FREE TO THE PUBLIC INFORMATION PROVIDED INCLUDES HAI CURRENT TOPICS, HAI INFORMATION BY HEALTH CARE SETTING IN THE U.S., AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL RESOURCES THE JOINT COMMISSION ESTABLISHED THE PHYSICIAN ENVIRONMENT PORTAL DURING 2014 THE PURPOSE OF THE PORTAL IS TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND EDUCATION SPECIFIC TO FREQUENTLY IDENTIFIED STANDARDS AND ELEMENTS OF PERFORMANCE (EP) THE JOINT COMMISSION HAS IDENTIFIED SEVERAL STANDARDS THAT HAVE BEEN CITED DURING SURVEY ACTIVITY OVER THE YEARS THE PORTAL WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION TO REDUCE THE FINDINGS OF NON-COMPLIANCE IMPROVING PATIENT SAFETY WITH BEST PRACTICES AND ENSURING COMPLIANCE ALL INFORMATION ON THE SITE IS AVAILABLE FREE TO THE PUBLIC THE JOINT COMMISSION ALSO HAS A PORTAL FOR TRANSITIONS OF CARE THE PORTAL IS A VALUABLE SOURCE OF INFORMATION FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION AND OTHER HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS RELATED TO TOPICS OF TRANSITIONS OF CARE OR THE MOVEMENT OF PATIENTS BETWEEN VARIOUS HEALTH CARE SETTINGS

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b PROCESS TO ESTABLISH COMPENSATION OF OTHER EMPLOYEES	OTHER OFFICERS THE OTHER OFFICERS' COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENT IS SUBJECT TO AN INDEPENDENT BOARD COMMITTEE REVIEW AND APPROVAL REFERRED TO AS THE HUMAN RESOURCES AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE. THE JOINT COMMISSION ENGAGED AN INDEPENDENT COMPENSATION CONSULTANT TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING COMPENSATION OF ITS OTHER OFFICERS. IN SETTING THE OTHER OFFICERS' COMPENSATION, THE ORGANIZATIONS' HUMAN RESOURCES AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEES RELY ON RECENT COMPENSATION STUDIES THAT PROVIDE COMPENSATION DATA FOR COMPARABLE POSITIONS IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO SUPPORT ITS DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. THE HUMAN RESOURCES AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEES ADEQUATELY DOCUMENTED ITS COMPENSATION DETERMINATIONS AND DELIBERATIONS REGARDING COMPENSATION IN ITS COMMITTEE MINUTES ON A TIMELY BASIS. EACH VOTING COMMITTEE MEMBER HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE INDEPENDENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERMEDIATE SANCTIONS REGULATIONS AND SIGNS THE BOARD'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ANNUALLY TO ENSURE THAT HE OR SHE IS INDEPENDENT. The process for determining the organizations' top management officials' compensation is undertaken annually FOR dr mark chassin - president, david baker - vp, anne marie benedicto - vp, ann scott Blouin - vp, Harold Bressler - vp, brian Enochs - vp, john mache - vp, ana pujols mckee - vp, Charles mowll - vp, mark pelletier - vp, paige rodgers - cfo, Lisa Diehl Vandecaveye - vp, and Margaret Van Amringe - vp. KEY EMPLOYEES THE JOINT COMMISSION ENGAGES ITS HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING COMPENSATION OF ITS KEY EMPLOYEES. IN SETTING THE KEY EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION, THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT RELIES ON INDEPENDENT SURVEY AND COMPENSATION DATA FOR COMPARABLE POSITIONS IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR ON THE INTERNAL JOB EVALUATION SYSTEM TO SUPPORT ITS DECISIONMAKING PROCESS. THE KEY EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION AGREEMENT IS SUBJECT TO A REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER. INCENTIVE COMPENSATION FOR KEY EMPLOYEES IS ALSO REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE ORGANIZATION'S HUMAN RESOURCES AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEES. THE PROCESS FOR DETERMINING THE ORGANIZATION'S KEY EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION IS UNDERTAKEN ANNUALLY FOR ALL KEY EMPLOYEES.

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 6 Classes of members or stockholders	THE JOINT COMMISSION HAS CORPORATE MEMBERS AS NOTED IN THEIR BYLAWS EACH MEMBER IS GRANTED A CERTAIN NUMBER OF VOTES WHEN VOTING ON ISSUES BROUGHT UP DURING MEMBER MEETINGS THE FOLLOWING CORPORATIONS ARE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMISSION AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS, THREE VOTES, AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, THREE VOTES, AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION, ONE VOTE, AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, SEVEN VOTES, AND AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, SEVEN VOTES THE NUMBER OF VOTES TO WHICH ANY ADDITIONAL MEMBERS SHALL BE ENTITLED SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 7a Members or stockholders electing members of governing body	SEE NARRATIVE FOR LINE 6

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 7b Decisions requiring approval by members or stockholders	SEE NARRATIVE FOR LINE 6

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b Review of form 990 by governing body	The Joint Commission's management, including the CEO, CFO, Corporate Compliance & Privacy Officer, and Legal Counsel performed a detailed review of the Form 990 with the paid tax preparer. Once this level of review was performed, a thorough walk through of Form 990 was done with the Finance Committee prior to filing. A copy of the Form 990 was provided to the entire Board of Commissioners prior to filing. A final filed copy of the return will be placed on the Organization's website for the public once accepted by the IRS.

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c Conflict of interest policy	THE POLICY STATES THAT ANY DECISION THAT COULD RESULT IN AN ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICT OF INTEREST MUST BE AVOIDED ALL STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS REVIEW THE POLICY ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AND COMPLETE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE EACH YEAR, WHICH IS DESIGNED TO IDENTIFY INTERESTS THAT COULD GIVE RISE TO POSSIBLE CONFLICTS ALTHOUGH MANY SUCH POTENTIAL CONFLICTS ARE AND WILL BE DEEMED INCONSEQUENTIAL, EVERY INDIVIDUAL OF THE ORGANIZATION HAS AN ONGOING RESPONSIBILITY TO DISCLOSE SITUATIONS THAT INVOLVE PERSONAL, FAMILIAR, OR BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS THAT COULD BE PERCEIVED AS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST THE INTERESTS IDENTIFIED ARE REVIEWED BY THE CORPORATE COMPLIANCE OFFICER AND MANAGER AND APPROPRIATELY MANAGED ALL DISCLOSURES ARE PURSUED UNTIL 100% COMPLETED THE BOARD IS REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST OR POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTER DURING A MEETING AND THEN NOT VOTE OR USE PERSONAL INFLUENCE ON THE MATTER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING REFLECTS THAT A DISCLOSURE WAS MADE AND THE MEMBER ABSTAINED FROM VOTING THE COMPLIANCE OFFICER MONITORS AND REVIEWS THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AS WELL AS THE RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRES ON AN ANNUAL BASIS THE ORGANIZATION ALSO HAS AVAILABLE AN INDEPENDENT HOTLINE NUMBER FOR STAFF TO REPORT ANONYMOUSLY ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS DURING THE YEAR

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a Process to establish compensation of top management official	The ceo's compensation arrangement is subject to an independent Board committee review and approval referred to as the human resources and compensation committee. The joint commission engaged an independent compensation consultant to assist in determining compensation of its ceo. In setting the ceo's compensation, the organization's human resources and compensation committee Relies on recent compensation studies that provide compensation data for comparable position in other organizations to support its decision-making process. The human resources and compensation committee adequately Documents its compensation determinations and deliberations regarding compensation in its committee minutes on a timely basis. Each voting committee member has been determined to be independent in Accordance with intermediate sanctions regulations and signs the Board's conflict of interest policy annually to ensure that he or she is independent. The process for determining the ceo's compensation is undertaken annually.

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b Process to establish compensation of other employees	See narrative for Part VI, line 15b

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 Required documents available to the public	THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, CODE OF CONDUCT, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part XI, Line 9 Other changes in net assets or fund balances	Change in fair value of hedge - interest rate sw ap - 294694, Transfer of net assets to Parent Co - 1776063, Transfer of net assets to Affiliate - Operating - -2000000, Change in unrecognized net defined benefit plan costs not yet recognized in net periodic benefit cost - -2431523,

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

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

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Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

Employer identification number
36-2229255

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)JOINT COMMISSION RESOURCES INC 1515 WEST 22ND STREET STE 1300W OAKBROOK, IL 60523 36-3521721	HEALTHCARE	IL	501(c)(3	9	JOINT COMMISSION	Yes	
(2)JOINT COMMISSION CENTER FOR TRANSFORMING HLTCR ONE RENAISSANCE BLVD OAKBROOK TERRACE, IL 60181 26-3020947	HEALTHCARE	IL	501(c)(3	Type I	JOINT COMMISSION	Yes	
(3)JCAHO SURVEYOR & QHR CONSULTANT CORP ONE RENAISSANCE BLVD OAKBROOK TERRACE, IL 60181 36-3673595	HEALTHCARE	IL	501(c)(3	Type I	JOINT COMMISSION	Yes	

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) Disproportionate 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

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)
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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
1a	Yes	
1b		No
1c		No
1d		No
1e		No
1f		No
1g		No
1h		No
1i		No
1j		No
1k		No
1l	Yes	
1m	Yes	
1n	Yes	
1o	Yes	
1p	Yes	
1q	Yes	
1r	Yes	
1s	Yes	

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
See Additional Data Table			

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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Additional Data

Software ID: 15000238
Software Version: 2015v2.1
EIN: 36-2229255
Name: Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

Form 990, Schedule R, Part V - Transactions With Related Organizations

(a) Name of related organization		(b) Transaction type(a-s)	(c) Amount Involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)	Joint Commission Resources Inc	A	1,039,124	Actual
(1)	Joint Commission Resources Inc	L	4,651,580	Contractual
(2)	Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare	L	1,111,524	Contractual
(3)	Joint Commission Resources Inc	Q	17,203,588	Actual
(4)	Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare	Q	499,663	Actual
(5)	Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare	R	2,000,000	Contractual
(6)	Joint Commission Resources Inc	S	1,776,063	Contractual
(7)	Joint Commission Resources Inc	M	102,500	Actual
(8)	JCAHO Surveyor & QHR Consultant Corporation	P	37,641,171	Actual