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Form **990**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2015 , and ending 06-30-2016

B Check if applicable
- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Final return/terminated
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
Pine Medical Center

Doing business as
essentia health sandstone

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite
109 Court Ave S

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Sandstone, MN 55072

D Employer identification number
41-1884597

E Telephone number
(320) 245-2212

G Gross receipts $ 18,213,034

F Name and address of principal officer
Michael Hedrix
109 Court Ave S
Sandstone, MN 55072

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☑ No

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 essentiahealth org

K Form of organization ☑ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation 1997

M State of legal domicile MN

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities
We are called to make a healthy difference in people's lives

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**	7
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	**4**	5
5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	**5**	267
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	**6**	15
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	**7a**	44,234
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	**7b**	11,607

		Prior Year	Current Year
8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	33,919	55,310
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	18,713,339	17,994,755
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	27,798	-23,276
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	77,738	144,284
12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	18,852,794	18,171,073
13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	200	300
14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	10,811,015	10,218,206
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)	8,391,098	8,242,190
18	Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	19,202,313	18,460,696
19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	-349,519	-289,623

		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	8,437,678	14,256,473
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	8,468,912	14,530,868
22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	-31,234	-274,395

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

Sign Here

Signature of officer — Date: 2017-04-18

Scott Nigon Chief Financial Officer
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
Firm's name ▶			Firm's EIN ▶	
Firm's address ▶			Phone no	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

We are called to make a healthy difference in people's lives

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 $ 14,914,752 including grants of $ 300) (Revenue $ 17,994,755)

Pine Medical Center dba Essentia Health Sandstone is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, and educational purposes More specifically, Essentia Health Sandstone is created and organized to own, maintain and operate, directly or indirectly, and to assist and coordinate the activities of, facilities for health care, education, care for the aged, and social services, including charitable care to persons unable to pay Essentia Health Sandstone has a 25-bed critical access hospital serving central Pine County The hospital offers emergency care 24 hours a day, seven days a week It is a certified level IV trauma center and an acute stroke ready hospital Essentia Health Sandstone also has an ambulance, adjacent skilled nursing facility that provides 24 hour skilled nursing care, and urgent care clinic Essentia Health Sandstone employs over 140 full time equivalents The hospital provided 960 hospital patient days and 13,000 outpatient visits during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 The skilled nursing facility provided 11,000 resident days during the same time period During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, Essentia Health Sandstone provided the following community benefits $255,000 in charity care, $1 2 million costs in excess of Medicaid payments, $57,000 in community services, and $10,000 in health profession education

4b (Code) (Expenses $ including grants of $) (Revenue $)

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 ▶** 14,914,752

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	Yes	
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		No
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		No
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? *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	Yes	
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	Yes	

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**		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	**24b**		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	**24c**		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	**24d**		
25a	**Section 501(c)(3), 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	1a	0		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		1c		
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	2a	267		
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)		2b	Yes	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year?		3a	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*		3b	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)?		4a		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?		5a		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		5b		No
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		5c		
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?		6a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		6b		
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?		7a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		7b		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		7c		No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d			
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		7e		No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		7f		No
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		7g		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		7h		
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?		8		
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		9a		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		9b		
10	**Section 501(c)(7) organizations.** Enter				
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a			
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b			
11	**Section 501(c)(12) organizations.** Enter				
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a			
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b			
12a	**Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.** Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		12a		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b			
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		13a		
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	13b			
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c			
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		14a		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? *If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O*		14b		

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

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶ MN

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 ▶ SCOTT NIGON 109 court ave s sandstone, MN 55072 (320) 245-2212

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

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

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

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

(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			
(1) Bill Loew Board Chair	1 00 0 00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) Tim Schmutzer Board Vice Chair	1 00 0 00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) Ty Erickson Board Director	1 00 59 00	X						0	263,147	56,902
(4) Erika Miles MD Board Director	1 00 59 00	X						0	392,019	52,826
(5) Wayne Oak Board Director	1 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
(6) Ronald Osladil Board Director	1 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
(7) Mary Thorvig Board Director	1 00 0 00	X						0	1,800	0
(8) Michael Hedrix Administrator	60 00 0 00			X				330,036	0	57,004
(9) Scott Nigon Chief Financial Officer	40 00 20 00			X				0	151,766	33,959
(10) Gina Roth Pharmacist	40 00 0 00					X		123,939	0	31,007
(11) Joseph Newton Director of Ambulance Services	60 00 0 00					X		117,015	0	6,971
(12) Thomas Patnoe MD Former President & CMO	0 00 40 00						X	0	360,041	55,136

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

(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			
1b **Sub-Total** ▶										
c **Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A** ▶										
d **Total (add lines 1b and 1c)** ▶								570,990	1,168,773	293,805

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 ▶ 3

			Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any **former** officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*	**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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*	**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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person*	**5**		No

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

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 ▶ 0

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				
	b	Membership dues 1b				
	c	Fundraising events 1c				
	d	Related organizations . . . 1d				
	e	Government grants (contributions) 1e 26,373				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1f 28,937				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f $				
	h	**Total.** Add lines 1a-1f . . . . . ▶	55,310			
Program Service Revenue		Business Code				
	2a	Inpatient and Outpatient Revenues 621110	14,822,763	14,812,611	10,152	
	b	Skilled Nursing Facility Revenue 623000	2,841,709	2,841,709		
	c	District Tax Subsidy 900099	215,000	215,000		
	d	Central MN Diagnostics Equity 900099	115,283	115,283		
	e					
	f	All other program service revenue				
	g	**Total.** Add lines 2a–2f . . . . . ▶	17,994,755			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . . ▶	18,685			18,685
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . ▶				
	5	Royalties . . . . . ▶				
		(i) Real / (ii) Personal				
	6a	Gross rents 2,871				
	b	Less rental expenses 0				
	c	Rental income or (loss) 2,871				
	d	Net rental income or (loss) . . . . . ▶	2,871			2,871
		(i) Securities / (ii) Other				
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory				
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses 35,189 / 6,772				
	c	Gain or (loss) -35,189 / -6,772				
	d	Net gain or (loss) . . . . . ▶	-41,961			-41,961
	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	Software Refund 900099	93,992			93,992
	b	Environmental Services 561700	34,082		34,082	
	c	Cafeteria Revenue 722514	12,749			12,749
	d	All other revenue	590			590
	e	**Total.** Add lines 11a–11d . . . . . ▶	141,413			
	12	**Total revenue.** See Instructions . . . . . ▶	18,171,073	17,984,603	44,234	86,926

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	300	300		
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	607,993	175,569	432,424	
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	7,592,205	6,694,214	897,991	
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	291,098	243,372	47,726	
9 Other employee benefits	1,178,181	1,001,091	177,090	
10 Payroll taxes	548,729	467,547	81,182	
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	52,053		52,053	
c Accounting	17,375		17,375	
d Lobbying	197		197	
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	5,413		5,413	
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	2,238,140	1,822,641	415,499	
12 Advertising and promotion	10,906	10,576	330	
13 Office expenses	719,054	496,650	222,404	
14 Information technology	35,158	30,999	4,159	
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	528,486	465,977	62,509	
17 Travel	234,996	211,850	23,146	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	41,063	22,771	18,292	
20 Interest	-4,269		-4,269	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	961,771	848,015	113,756	
23 Insurance	116,295	112,809	3,486	
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 Unrelated Business Tax	6,935		6,935	
b Affiliate Support Fee	1,379,275	517,780	861,495	
c Medical Supplies	631,117	631,117		
d Bad Debt Expense	468,959	468,959		
e All other expenses	799,266	692,515	106,751	
25 **Total functional expenses.** Add lines 1 through 24e	18,460,696	14,914,752	3,545,944	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) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1	Cash–non-interest-bearing	172,056	1	570,368
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	1,545,833	2	1,005,741
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net	2,772,671	4	2,640,372
	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	
	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	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net	415,197	7	390,541
	8	Inventories for sale or use	220,912	8	282,668
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	7,725
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D — 10a: 12,415,036			
	b	Less accumulated depreciation — 10b: 4,380,951	2,530,960	10c	8,034,085
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12	Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11	731,326	12	1,324,973
	13	Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
	15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11	48,723	15	
	16	**Total assets.** Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	8,437,678	16	14,256,473
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,271,804	17	1,214,126
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D	14,005	21	17,726
	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	5,008,434	24	11,413,763
	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	2,174,669	25	1,885,253
	26	**Total liabilities.** Add lines 17 through 25	8,468,912	26	14,530,868
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	-59,114	27	-274,395
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets	27,880	28	0
	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	-31,234	33	-274,395
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	8,437,678	34	14,256,473

Part XI Reconcilliation 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	18,171,073
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	18,460,696
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-289,623
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	-31,234
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	18,061
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	-873
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	29,274
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	-274,395

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?	2a		No
	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			
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b	Yes	
	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			
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?	2c	Yes	
	If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O			
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?	3a	Yes	
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	3b	Yes	

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SCHEDULE A (Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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*.**

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization
Pine Medical Center

Employer identification number
41-1884597

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

9 ☐ An organization that normally receives (1) more than 331/3% 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 331/3% 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 ☐ 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 ☐ **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 ☐ **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 ☐ **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 ☐ 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? Yes	(iv) No	(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
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 III Support 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
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants ")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts 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						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 **Public support.** (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI)						
13 **Total support.** (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						

14 **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

15	Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15
16	Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17	Investment income percentage for **2015** (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17
18	Investment income percentage from **2014** Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18

19a **33 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 ▶ ☐

b **33 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 ▶ ☐

20 **Private 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? *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*	1		
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? *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*	2		

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)? *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)*	1		

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?	1		
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? *If "No," explain in* ***Part VI*** *how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s)*	2		
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? *If "Yes," describe in* ***Part VI*** *the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard*	3		

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).

			Yes	No
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? *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*	2a		
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? *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*	2b		
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*	3a		
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*	3b		

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

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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	Employer identification number
Pine Medical Center	41-1884597

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		
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-		

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

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	(a) Yes	(a) No	(b) Amount
1	During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a	Volunteers?		No	
b	Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?		No	
c	Media advertisements?		No	
d	Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		No	
e	Publications, or published or broadcast statements?		No	
f	Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		No	
g	Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?		No	
h	Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?		No	
i	Other activities?	Yes		197
j	Total Add lines 1c through 1i			197
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?		No	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

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

			Yes	No
1	Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1		
2	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of $2,000 or less?	2		
3	Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	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	1	
2	Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures **(do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).**		
a	Current year	2a	
b	Carryover from last year	2b	
c	Total	2c	
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4	If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	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
Part II-B, Line 1	Lobbying Activity Explanation Essentia Health Sandstone pays dues to a certain organization related to the industry which has lobbying expenses The amount listed is the percentage of the dues paid that were used for lobbying

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SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ 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*.

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Name of the organization
Pine Medical Center

Employer identification number
41-1884597

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)
☐ Preservation of an historically important land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat
☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space

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

		Held at the End of the Year
a	Total number of conservation easements	2a
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

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

			Amount
b	If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table		
c	Beginning balance	1c	
d	Additions during the year	1d	
e	Distributions during the year	1e	
f	Ending balance	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

		Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations	3a(i)		
(ii) related organizations	3a(ii)		
b If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b		

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				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		2,021,872	1,638,634	383,238
d Equipment		3,929,186	2,742,317	1,186,869
e Other		6,463,978		6,463,978
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e *(Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))* ▶				8,034,085

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) Pooled investment fund	1,324,973	F
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)* ▶	1,324,973	

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	
Payable to related tax-exempt organization	1,818,877
Payable to PMC Gateway, LLC	66,376
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)* ▶	1,885,253

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

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

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

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

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
Part IV, Line 2b	ESSENTIA HEALTH SANDSTONE ACTS AS CUSTODIAN FOR THE FUNDS OF THE SKILLED NURSING FACILITY RESIDENTS RESIDENT TRUST FUNDS TOTALED $17,726 AT JUNE 30, 2016

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation

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SCHEDULE H (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Hospitals

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, question 20.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990.**
▶ **Information about Schedule H (Form 990) and its instructions is at *www.irs.gov/form990*.**

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization
Pine Medical Center

Employer identification number
41-1884597

Part I Financial Assistance and Certain Other Community Benefits at Cost

			Yes	No
1a	Did the organization have a financial assistance policy during the tax year? If "No," skip to question 6a	1a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," was it a written policy?	1b	Yes	
2	If the organization had multiple hospital facilities, indicate which of the following best describes application of the financial assistance policy to its various hospital facilities during the tax year			
	☑ Applied uniformly to all hospital facilities ☐ Applied uniformly to most hospital facilities ☐ Generally tailored to individual hospital facilities			
3	Answer the following based on the financial assistance eligibility criteria that applied to the largest number of the organization's patients during the tax year			
a	Did the organization use Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) as a factor in determining eligibility for providing *free* care? If "Yes," indicate which of the following was the FPG family income limit for eligibility for *free* care	3a	Yes	
	☐ 100% ☐ 150% ☐ 200% ☑ Other 16000 0000000000 %			
b	Did the organization use FPG as a factor in determining eligibility for providing *discounted* care? If "Yes," indicate which of the following was the family income limit for eligibility for discounted care	3b	Yes	
	☐ 200% ☐ 250% ☐ 300% ☐ 350% ☐ 400% ☑ Other 31000 0000000000 %			
c	If the organization used factors other than FPG in determining eligibility, describe in Part VI the criteria used for determining eligibility for free or discounted care Include in the description whether the organization used an asset test or other threshold, regardless of income, as a factor in determining eligibility for free or discounted care			
4	Did the organization's financial assistance policy that applied to the largest number of its patients during the tax year provide for free or discounted care to the "medically indigent"?	4	Yes	
5a	Did the organization budget amounts for free or discounted care provided under its financial assistance policy during the tax year?	5a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," did the organization's financial assistance expenses exceed the budgeted amount?	5b		No
c	If "Yes" to line 5b, as a result of budget considerations, was the organization unable to provide free or discounted care to a patient who was eligibile for free or discounted care?	5c		
6a	Did the organization prepare a community benefit report during the tax year?	6a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," did the organization make it available to the public?	6b	Yes	
	Complete the following table using the worksheets provided in the Schedule H instructions Do not submit these worksheets with the Schedule H			

7 Financial Assistance and Certain Other Community Benefits at Cost

Financial Assistance and Means-Tested Government Programs	**(a)** Number of activities or programs (optional)	**(b)** Persons served (optional)	**(c)** Total community benefit expense	**(d)** Direct offsetting revenue	**(e)** Net community benefit expense	**(f)** Percent of total expense
a Financial Assistance at cost (from Worksheet 1)			255,419		255,419	1 420 %
b Medicaid (from Worksheet 3, column a)			3,846,341	2,694,028	1,152,313	6 400 %
c Costs of other means-tested government programs (from Worksheet 3, column b)						
d **Total** Financial Assistance and Means-Tested Government Programs			4,101,760	2,694,028	1,407,732	7 820 %
Other Benefits						
e Community health improvement services and community benefit operations (from Worksheet 4)			57,009		57,009	0 320 %
f Health professions education (from Worksheet 5)			20,643	10,226	10,417	0 060 %
g Subsidized health services (from Worksheet 6)						
h Research (from Worksheet 7)						
i Cash and in-kind contributions for community benefit (from Worksheet 8)						
j **Total.** Other Benefits			77,652	10,226	67,426	0 380 %
k **Total.** Add lines 7d and 7j			4,179,412	2,704,254	1,475,158	8 200 %

Part II Community Building Activities

Complete this table if the organization conducted any community building activities during the tax year, and describe in Part VI how its community building activities promoted the health of the communities it serves.

		(a) Number of activities or programs (optional)	(b) Persons served (optional)	(c) Total community building expense	(d) Direct offsetting revenue	(e) Net community building expense	(f) Percent of total expense
1	Physical improvements and housing						
2	Economic development						
3	Community support			300		300	0 %
4	Environmental improvements						
5	Leadership development and training for community members						
6	Coalition building						
7	Community health improvement advocacy						
8	Workforce development						
9	Other						
10	**Total**			300		300	

Part III Bad Debt, Medicare, & Collection Practices

Section A. Bad Debt Expense

				Yes	No
1	Did the organization report bad debt expense in accordance with Healthcare Financial Management Association Statement No 15?		1	Yes	
2	Enter the amount of the organization's bad debt expense Explain in Part VI the methodology used by the organization to estimate this amount	2	468,959		
3	Enter the estimated amount of the organization's bad debt expense attributable to patients eligible under the organization's financial assistance policy Explain in Part VI the methodology used by the organization to estimate this amount and the rationale, if any, for including this portion of bad debt as community benefit	3	0		
4	Provide in Part VI the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes bad debt expense or the page number on which this footnote is contained in the attached financial statements				

Section B. Medicare

5	Enter total revenue received from Medicare (including DSH and IME)	5	4,581,525		
6	Enter Medicare allowable costs of care relating to payments on line 5	6	4,671,100		
7	Subtract line 6 from line 5 This is the surplus (or shortfall)	7	-89,575		
8	Describe in Part VI the extent to which any shortfall reported in line 7 should be treated as community benefit Also describe in Part VI the costing methodology or source used to determine the amount reported on line 6 Check the box that describes the method used				

☐ Cost accounting system ☐ Cost to charge ratio ☑ Other

Section C. Collection Practices

9a	Did the organization have a written debt collection policy during the tax year?		9a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," did the organization's collection policy that applied to the largest number of its patients during the tax year contain provisions on the collection practices to be followed for patients who are known to qualify for financial assistance? Describe in Part VI		9b	Yes	

Part IV Management Companies and Joint Ventures

(owned 10% or more by officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and physicians—see instructions)

	(a) Name of entity	(b) Description of primary activity of entity	(c) Organization's profit % or stock ownership %	(d) Officers, directors, trustees, or key employees' profit % or stock ownership %	(e) Physicians' profit % or stock ownership %
1	1 PMC - Gateway Imaging LLC	Radiology Services	62 000 %	0 %	0 %
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Part V Facility Information

Section A. Hospital Facilities

(list in order of size from largest to smallest—see instructions)
How many hospital facilities did the organization operate during the tax year? **1**

Name, address, primary website address, and state license number (and if a group return, the name and EIN of the subordinate hospital organization that operates the hospital facility)	Licensed hospital	General medical & surgical	Children's hospital	Teaching hospital	Critical access hospital	Research facility	ER-24 hours	ER-other	Other (Describe)	Facility reporting group
See Additional Data Table										

Part V Facility Information *(continued)*

Section B. Facility Policies and Practices

(Complete a separate Section B for each of the hospital facilities or facility reporting groups listed in Part V, Section A)

Name of hospital facility or letter of facility reporting group Essentia Health Sandstone

Line number of hospital facility, or line numbers of hospital facilities in a facility reporting group (from Part V, Section A):

			Yes	No
Community Health Needs Assessment				
1	Was the hospital facility first licensed, registered, or similarly recognized by a state as a hospital facility in the current tax year or the immediately preceding tax year?	1		No
2	Was the hospital facility acquired or placed into service as a tax-exempt hospital in the current tax year or the immediately preceding tax year? If "Yes," provide details of the acquisition in Section C	2		No
3	During the tax year or either of the two immediately preceding tax years, did the hospital facility conduct a community health needs assessment (CHNA)? If "No," skip to line 12	3	Yes	
	If "Yes," indicate what the CHNA report describes (check all that apply)			
a	☑ A definition of the community served by the hospital facility			
b	☑ Demographics of the community			
c	☑ Existing health care facilities and resources within the community that are available to respond to the health needs of the community			
d	☑ How data was obtained			
e	☑ The significant health needs of the community			
f	☑ Primary and chronic disease needs and other health issues of uninsured persons, low-income persons, and minority groups			
g	☑ The process for identifying and prioritizing community health needs and services to meet the community health needs			
h	☑ The process for consulting with persons representing the community's interests			
i	☑ Information gaps that limit the hospital facility's ability to assess the community's health needs			
j	☐ Other (describe in Section C)			
4	Indicate the tax year the hospital facility last conducted a CHNA 20 15			
5	In conducting its most recent CHNA, did the hospital facility take into account input from persons who represent the broad interests of the community served by the hospital facility, including those with special knowledge of or expertise in public health? If "Yes," describe in Section C how the hospital facility took into account input from persons who represent the community, and identify the persons the hospital facility consulted	5	Yes	
6a	Was the hospital facility's CHNA conducted with one or more other hospital facilities? If "Yes," list the other hospital facilities in Section C	6a		No
b	Was the hospital facility's CHNA conducted with one or more organizations other than hospital facilities?" If "Yes," list the other organizations in Section C	6b		No
7	Did the hospital facility make its CHNA report widely available to the public?	7	Yes	
	If "Yes," indicate how the CHNA report was made widely available (check all that apply)			
a	☑ Hospital facility's website (list url) http //www essentiahealth org/main/community-benefit-chna aspx			
b	☐ Other website (list url)			
c	☑ Made a paper copy available for public inspection without charge at the hospital facility			
d	☑ Other (describe in Section C)			
8	Did the hospital facility adopt an implementation strategy to meet the significant community health needs identified through its most recently conducted CHNA? If "No," skip to line 11	8	Yes	
9	Indicate the tax year the hospital facility last adopted an implementation strategy 20 15			
10	Is the hospital facility's most recently adopted implementation strategy posted on a website?	10	Yes	
a	If "Yes" (list url) http //www essentiahealth org/main/community-benefit-chna aspx			
b	If "No," is the hospital facility's most recently adopted implementation strategy attached to this return?	10b		No
11	Describe in Section C how the hospital facility is addressing the significant needs identified in its most recently conducted CHNA and any such needs that are not being addressed together with the reasons why such needs are not being addressed			
12a	Did the organization incur an excise tax under section 4959 for the hospital facility's failure to conduct a CHNA as required by section 501(r)(3)?	12a		No
b	If "Yes" on line 12a, did the organization file Form 4720 to report the section 4959 excise tax?	12b		
c	If "Yes" on line 12b, what is the total amount of section 4959 excise tax the organization reported on Form 4720 for all of its hospital facilities? $			

Part V Facility Information *(continued)*

Financial Assistance Policy (FAP)

Name of hospital facility or letter of facility reporting group: Essentia Health Sandstone

			Yes	No
13	Did the hospital facility have in place during the tax year a written financial assistance policy that Explained eligibility criteria for financial assistance, and whether such assistance included free or discounted care? If "Yes," indicate the eligibility criteria explained in the FAP	13	Yes	
a	☑ Federal poverty guidelines (FPG), with FPG family income limit for eligibility for free care of 160 000000000000 % and FPG family income limit for eligibility for discounted care of 310 000000000000 %			
b	☐ Income level other than FPG (describe in Section C)			
c	☑ Asset level			
d	☑ Medical indigency			
e	☑ Insurance status			
f	☑ Underinsurance discount			
g	☑ Residency			
h	☐ Other (describe in Section C)			
14	Explained the basis for calculating amounts charged to patients?	14	Yes	
15	Explained the method for applying for financial assistance?	15	Yes	
	If "Yes," indicate how the hospital facility's FAP or FAP application form (including accompanying instructions) explained the method for applying for financial assistance (check all that apply)			
a	☑ Described the information the hospital facility may require an individual to provide as part of his or her application			
b	☑ Described the supporting documentation the hospital facility may require an individual to submit as part of his or her application			
c	☐ Provided the contact information of hospital facility staff who can provide an individual with information about the FAP and FAP application process			
d	☐ Provided the contact information of nonprofit organizations or government agencies that may be sources of assistance with FAP applications			
e	☐ Other (describe in Section C)			
16	Included measures to publicize the policy within the community served by the hospital facility?	16	Yes	
	If "Yes," indicate how the hospital facility publicized the policy (check all that apply)			
a	☑ The FAP was widely available on a website (list url) http //www essentiahealth org/main/financial-assistance-program aspx			
b	☑ The FAP application form was widely available on a website (list url) http //www essentiahealth org/main/financial-assistance-program aspx			
c	☑ A plain language summary of the FAP was widely available on a website (list url) http //www essentiahealth org/main/financial-assistance-program aspx			
d	☑ The FAP was available upon request and without charge (in public locations in the hospital facility and by mail)			
e	☑ The FAP application form was available upon request and without charge (in public locations in the hospital facility and by mail)			
f	☑ A plain language summary of the FAP was available upon request and without charge (in public locations in the hospital facility and by mail)			
g	☑ Notice of availability of the FAP was conspicuously displayed throughout the hospital facility			
h	☑ Notified members of the community who are most likely to require financial assistance about availability of the FAP			
i	☐ Other (describe in Section C)			

Billing and Collections

17	Did the hospital facility have in place during the tax year a separate billing and collections policy, or a written financial assistance policy (FAP) that explained all of the actions the hospital facility or other authorized party may take upon non-payment?	17	Yes	
18	Check all of the following actions against an individual that were permitted under the hospital facility's policies during the tax year before making reasonable efforts to determine the individual's eligibility under the facility's FAP			
a	☐ Reporting to credit agency(ies)			
b	☐ Selling an individual's debt to another party			
c	☐ Actions that require a legal or judicial process			
d	☐ Other similar actions (describe in Section C)			
e	☑ None of these actions or other similar actions were permitted			

Part V Facility Information *(continued)*

Essentia Health Sandstone

Name of hospital facility or letter of facility reporting group

			Yes	No
19	Did the hospital facility or other authorized party perform any of the following actions during the tax year before making reasonable efforts to determine the individual's eligibility under the facility's FAP?	**19**		No
	If "Yes," check all actions in which the hospital facility or a third party engaged			
a	☐ Reporting to credit agency(ies)			
b	☐ Selling an individual's debt to another party			
c	☐ Actions that require a legal or judicial process			
d	☐ Other similar actions (describe in Section C)			
20	Indicate which efforts the hospital facility or other authorized party made before initiating any of the actions listed (whether or not checked) in line 19 (check all that apply)			
a	☑ Notified individuals of the financial assistance policy on admission			
b	☑ Notified individuals of the financial assistance policy prior to discharge			
c	☑ Notified individuals of the financial assistance policy in communications with the individuals regarding the individuals' bills			
d	☑ Documented its determination of whether individuals were eligible for financial assistance under the hospital facility's financial assistance policy			
e	☐ Other (describe in Section C)			
f	☐ None of these efforts were made			

Policy Relating to Emergency Medical Care

21	Did the hospital facility have in place during the tax year a written policy relating to emergency medical care that required the hospital facility to provide, without discrimination, care for emergency medical conditions to individuals regardless of their eligibility under the hospital facility's financial assistance policy?	**21**	Yes	
	If "No," indicate why			
a	☐ The hospital facility did not provide care for any emergency medical conditions			
b	☐ The hospital facility's policy was not in writing			
c	☐ The hospital facility limited who was eligible to receive care for emergency medical conditions (describe in Section C)			
d	☐ Other (describe in Section C)			

Charges to Individuals Eligible for Assistance Under the FAP (FAP-Eligible Individuals)

22	Indicate how the hospital facility determined, during the tax year, the maximum amounts that can be charged to FAP-eligible individuals for emergency or other medically necessary care			
a	☐ The hospital facility used its lowest negotiated commercial insurance rate when calculating the maximum amounts that can be charged			
b	☐ The hospital facility used the average of its three lowest negotiated commercial insurance rates when calculating the maximum amounts that can be charged			
c	☐ The hospital facility used the Medicare rates when calculating the maximum amounts that can be charged			
d	☑ Other (describe in Section C)			
23	During the tax year, did the hospital facility charge any FAP-eligible individual to whom the hospital facility provided emergency or other medically necessary services more than the amounts generally billed to individuals who had insurance covering such care?	**23**		No
	If "Yes," explain in Section C			
24	During the tax year, did the hospital facility charge any FAP-eligible individual an amount equal to the gross charge for any service provided to that individual?	**24**		No
	If "Yes," explain in Section C			

Part V **Facility Information** *(continued)*

Section C. Supplemental Information for Part V, Section B.

Provide descriptions required for Part V, Section B, lines 2, 3j, 5, 6a, 6b, 7d, 11, 13b, 13h, 15e, 16i, 18d, 19d, 20e, 21c, 21d, 22d, 23, and 24. If applicable, provide separate descriptions for each hospital facility in a facility reporting group, designated by facility reporting group letter and hospital facility line number from Part V, Section A ("A, 1," "A, 4," "B, 2," "B, 3," etc.) and name of hospital facility.

Form and Line Reference	Explanation

Part V **Facility Information** *(continued)*

Section D. Other Health Care Facilities That Are Not Licensed, Registered, or Similarly Recognized as a Hospital Facility
(list in order of size, from largest to smallest)

How many non-hospital health care facilities did the organization operate during the tax year? **2**

	Name and address	Type of Facility (describe)
1	1 - Essentia Health Sandstone Health Care Ce 109 Court Ave S Sandstone, MN 55072	Skilled Nursing Facility
2	2 - Essentia Health Sandstone Urgent Care 109 Court Ave S Sandstone, MN 55072	Urgent Care Clinic
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Part VI Supplemental Information

Provide the following information

1 **Required descriptions.** Provide the descriptions required for Part I, lines 3c, 6a, and 7, Part II and Part III, lines 2, 3, 4, 8 and 9b

2 **Needs assessment.** Describe how the organization assesses the health care needs of the communities it serves, in addition to any CHNAs reported in Part V, Section B

3 **Patient education of eligibility for assistance.** Describe how the organization informs and educates patients and persons who may be billed for patient care about their eligibility for assistance under federal, state, or local government programs or under the organization's financial assistance policy

4 **Community information.** Describe the community the organization serves, taking into account the geographic area and demographic constituents it serves

5 **Promotion of community health.** Provide any other information important to describing how the organization's hospital facilities or other health care facilities further its exempt purpose by promoting the health of the community (e g , open medical staff, community board, use of surplus funds, etc)

6 **Affiliated health care system.** If the organization is part of an affiliated health care system, describe the respective roles of the organization and its affiliates in promoting the health of the communities served

7 **State filing of community benefit report.** If applicable, identify all states with which the organization, or a related organization, files a community benefit report

Form and Line Reference	Explanation
Part I, Line 3c	Assets will be considered along with the patient's income to determine eligibility for the Financial Assistance Program To be eligible, reportable assets may not exceed $15,000 for a household of one (1), or $25,000 for a household of two (2) or more Assets may include, but are not limited to, such items as checking and savings accounts, IRA's, 401(k)'s, value of additional cars that exceed the number of working members in the household, equity in recreational vehicles and additional property, etc

Form and Line Reference	Explanation
Part I, Line 6a	The organization's community benefit information is included in the consolidated Essentia Health (employer identification number 20-0360007) annual report which is made available to the public at http //www essentiahealth org/Main/Annual-Report aspx Essentia Health, headquartered in Duluth, Minnesota, is the parent of a fully integrated health system serving patients in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and Idaho

Form and Line Reference	Explanation
Part I, Line 7	The cost to charge ratio derived from Worksheet 2, Ratio of Patient Care Cost-to-Charges was used to calculate the costs for the following community benefits Charity Care and Unreimbursed Medicaid Actual costs were used for the remainder of the community benefits reported

Form and Line Reference	Explanation
Part I, Ln 7 Col(f)	Bad debt expense that was subtracted from total expense to obtain the % of community benefit to total expense amounted to $468,959

Form and Line Reference	Explanation
Part II, Community Building Activities	Essentia Health Sandstone made a donation to a local food shelf

Form and Line Reference	Explanation
Part III, Line 2	Discounts, charity care, and bad debt expense are accounted for as reductions to revenue Bad debt expense on patient accounts would be identified as any balance on the account, less any previous payments and discounts, that has aged and is absent of any payments If, during the collection process, it becomes known that the patient qualifies for charity care, the amounts included within bad debt expense would be reclassified to charity care

Form and Line Reference	Explanation
Part III, Line 3	Essentia Health Sandstone provides both full and partial charity care through its traditional application process Full charity care is a complete write-off of eligible gross hospital and clinic charges while "partial" is a portion of eligible charges Each are determined respectively based on the patient's income in relation to the Federal Poverty Guidelines Essentia Health also recognizes that it is not feasible, or sometimes necessary, for all patients to complete financial assistance applications and provide documentation required through the traditional process Essentia Health Sandstone implemented an alternative documentation and presumptive process using a tool that identifies accounts that automatically qualify for charity care and reclassified those accounts to charity care allowance As a result, we estimate $0 of patient accounts written off to bad debt would qualify for charity care Essentia Health Sandstone is a part of a larger organization, Essentia Health Essentia Health and its member organizations incorporate the cost of bad debt as a community benefit As a tax exempt hospital, we must provide the necessary services regardless of the patient's ability to pay for that care In doing so, Essentia Health makes quality patient care available to all in our community, regardless of their economic means

Form and Line Reference	Explanation
Part III, Line 4	Page 13 of the audit contains the footnote describing the organization's bad debt expense

Form and Line Reference	Explanation
Part III, Line 8	Reconciliation for Medicare Shortfall between Total Medicare Program and What is Allowed on the Cost Report The hospital facility's total Medicare shortfall is $504,701, of which a shortfall of $89,575 (consisting of $4,581,525 revenue and $4,671,100 cost) is included in Part III, Section B, Lines 5-7, and a shortfall of $415,126 (consisting of $1,921,861 revenue and $2,336,987 cost) represent all other Medicare services not included in the annual cost report The costing methodology used in determining the Medicare Allowable Cost reported in the organization's Medicare Cost Report as reflected in the amount reported in Part III, Line 6 The methodology used in determining the reported Medicare Allowable Cost begins with the hospital's general ledger system The costs are obtained from the general ledger and then adjusted and reported in accordance with Centers for Medicare Services (CMS) "cost finding" guidelines as published in their Provider Reimbursement Manual Once the Medicare allowable costs are determined from the hospital's cost report, any costs attributed to subsidized health services, and Medical Education, are removed and reported separately Explanation for any prior year settlements for Medicare-related services in the current tax year Each Essentia Health hospital is required to file a Medicare cost report 5 months after the close of their fiscal year The cost report provides Medicare with information that is used to determine utilization and spending trends but also is used to set future payment rates for most Medicare services If the interim payments paid to a hospital are higher or lower than the filed cost report allowable reimbursement there will be a settlement for that fiscal year This can be due to changes in utilization or cost of providing services for Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) or differences between interim and final payment factors for Disproportionate Share, Bad Debts, or Indirect Medical Education for non-CAH hospitals An estimate for these settlements is recorded at the close of the fiscal year If the estimate varies from the final settlement received 6-7 months after the fiscal year ends then these amounts are recorded as prior year Medicare revenue The extent to which any shortfall reported in Part III, Line 7 should be treated as a community benefit and the rationale for the organization's opinion Essentia Health Sandstone is a part of a larger organization, Essentia Health Essentia Health and its member organizations incorporate the full value of the Medicare shortfall as a community benefit The rationale for the organization's opinion is providing care for the elderly and serving Medicare patients is an essential part of the community benefit standard Medicare, like Medicaid, does not pay the full cost of care and it is likely to get worse Many Medicare beneficiaries are poor and are eligible for Medicaid in addition to Medicare Medicare underpayment must be shouldered by the hospital in order to continue treating the community's elderly and poor These underpayments represent a real cost of serving the community

Form and Line Reference	Explanation
Part III, Line 9b	The policies and procedures for internal and external collection practices take into account the extent to which the patient qualifies for Essentia Health's Financial Assistance Policy (FAP) and financial assistance, a patient's good faith effort to apply for a governmental program or for financial assistance from Essentia Health, and the patient's good faith effort to comply with his/her payment agreements The organization offers extended payment plans to eligible patients and will not impose liens on primary residences nor report patients to a credit rating agency for outstanding patient bills The organization will not charge a patient gross amount of charges for any uninsured treatment Uninsured discounts will be applied to the gross charges prior to any financial assistance or other discounts At any time the organization recognizes that a patient may be eligible for State or Federal programs, a representative will assist the patient in obtaining information about these programs or provide contact information for these programs The organization contracts with an outside patient advocacy agency, which may provide assistance to the uninsured patient in applying to certain State and Federal programs At any stage of the patient experience and up through the collection process, the patient may express a concern that they are unable to pay their bill in full or meet the payment plan requirements At that time, the patient will be given every opportunity to complete and submit an application for financial assistance The organization trains its outside debt collection agencies and attorneys about the FAP and how a patient may obtain more information about the FAP or submit an application for financial assistance The organization requires its outside collection agencies and attorneys to refer patients who may be eligible for financial assistance to Essentia Health If a patient has submitted an application for financial assistance after an account has been referred for collection activity, the organization and its outside debt collection agencies suspend all collection activity until the patient's financial assistance application has been processed and Essentia Health has notified the patient of its decision

Form and Line Reference	Explanation
Part VI, Line 2	Needs assessment We assess and respond to the health care needs of the communities we serve through many ways including the following Marketing research - The Essentia Health Marketing Research Department conducts surveys, focus groups and reviews internal data to better understand the needs and use(s) of our services This includes access to service areas (e g Primary Care), payor information (e g Essentia Care) and overall gaps in services Assessments have resulted in internal changes both in staffing and processes Population Care Management - We use their analysis of multiple populations, one specific example are ACO populations (e g St Louis County employees and their dependents) The analyses done include the identification of patients who have uncontrolled asthma, uncontrolled diabetes, are pre-diabetic or who have depression and results in targeted outreach by the Population Care Team Targeted outreach has proven to lead to better outcomes for these populations Patient and Family Advisory Councils - Each month, more than 200 patient and family partners come together to share their insights, experiences, and ideas to help Essentia Health design a health care system that is patient and family centered They provide high quality, cost-effective, and safe care, which helps patients achieve the best possible health outcomes Planned interaction with various community health, healthcare and social welfare groups - This includes gathering their perspective on community needs and the role Essentia Health can play in addressing those needs as a collaborative partner Internal Quality Indicators - They track data that lead to the improved care and treatment of patients with chronic diseases, tobacco use and mental health conditions This includes patient activity and outcomes, allowing for Essentia Health to better identify the needs of the patients, which can be utilized to assess the overall health of the communities we serve Health data provided by payor organizations, namely government and commercial health insurers - This health data typically involves medical treatment and outcomes that reflect trends of unhealthy lifestyles and behaviors Our objective is to understand these relationships and to develop action steps to intervene on the front end to prevent such medical situations from occurring Human Resources Department - Their analysis of current staffing trends aides in providing healthcare access appropriately to the communities we serve Essentia Institute of Rural Health (EIRH) - EIRH provides research of patient data, community data and the outcomes associated with current clinical practices as well as prevention strategies (e g falls prevention, diabetes prevention)

Form and Line Reference	Explanation
Part VI, Line 3	Patient education of eligibility for assistance The organization makes information on its Financial Assistance Policy (FAP) readily available to the patient Information about financial assistance programs is available on the Essentia Health website (www essentiahealth org) where the Information and application is easily accessible to be viewed, downloaded and printed at no charge to the patient Notices on the availability of financial assistance are conspicuously posted in emergency room departments Financial assistance information is available during the pre-admission financial screening, at the time of registration and prior to a hospital discharge Information about the FAP is in all collection letters and patient statements FAP information and/or applications are made available to appropriate community health services agencies and other organizations that assist people in need The organization educates staff members who work closely with patients providing direct patient treatment and who work in admissions, billing and collections, about the existence of the FAP and how a patient may obtain more information Annual education/awareness of the FAP is provided to ensure all employees with patient contact are aware of the program and how patients can obtain additional information Clinical and hospital staff who provide direct patient care have knowledge of the FAP and know to direct patients to a Registration Interviewer or Business Office Representative Registration staff have an understanding of the policy, knowledge of where the related documents are located and where to direct the patient for more information on the FAP Designated employees (Financial Counselors, Patient Accounts Representatives) have a thorough understanding of the FAP and offer the information on the FAP to those patients who make an inquiry about the program or are determined through a financial screening that the patient may be eligible for this program Patient advocacy services also inform the patient about the availability of assistance A request for financial assistance may be made by the patient, a patient's guarantor, a family member, close friend, or associate of the patient, subject to applicable privacy laws The organization responds to any oral or written requests for more general information on the FAP made by a patient or any interested party

Form and Line Reference	Explanation
Part VI, Line 4	Community information Essentia Health Sandstone is located in Sandstone, MN Essentia Health Sandstone is a part of Essentia Health, which is defined in Part VI, line 6 Essentia Health Sandstone operates 1 hospital, 1 urgent care clinic, and 1 skilled nursing facility that serves the Pine County area The overall community is classified as rural Essentia Health Sandstone covers a service region of approximately 13,000 people The service region age distribution is 24% under the age of 18, 58% between the ages of 18 and 65, and 18% over the age of 65 The racial makeup of the service region is 86% Caucasian, 4% African American, 1% Asian, 4% Hispanic, and 5% other, predominantly Native American The gender split ratio is 47% women and 53% men The average income for the service area is approximately $40,000 Approximately 10 4% of the population falls below the federal poverty guidelines Essentia Health Sandstone, along with Essentia Health is committed to serve patients regardless of their ability to pay 4 8% gross revenue dollars were from self-pay patients In addition, approximately 29 7% of their gross revenue dollars were Medicaid recipients Pine County is currently designated as a Medically Underserved Area As mentioned above, Essentia Health Sandstone is part of Essentia Health Essentia Health staffs hospitals and clinics in federally-recognized underserved areas and supports the health of its communities through an active outreach program that brings specialists like oncologists, cardiologists, neurologists and others into its smaller communities This eliminates barriers to care for many patients, particularly those who are elderly, living on low incomes, or are faced with other challenges that make it difficult to travel long distances for care There are 2 other hospitals outside of the Essentia Health umbrella that service the community

Form and Line Reference	Explanation
Part VI, Line 5	Promotion of community health Essentia Health Sandstone's board of directors is composed mainly of volunteer representatives from the community of Sandstone and surrounding areas in Pine County Essentia Health Sandstone has an open Medical Staff, so any qualified physician of the community is allowed to apply All applicants that apply must meet the credentialing standards and be approved by our governing board in order to come and provide services at Essentia Health Surplus funds are invested into the operations and through capital improvements that are used to provide a variety of care in the acute and long-term care operations as highlighted in various sections of this return Essentia Health Sandstone is a part of Essentia Health, a fully integrated health system with facilities in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and Idaho As a non-profit organization, Essentia Health reinvests surplus revenues into medical training, programs and technology that improve patient care Essentia Health provides services predominantly in rural communities and is committed to eliminating geographic barriers to care Many of Essentia Health's clinics and community hospitals are located in communities that are federally recognized as being medically underserved We invest in facility upgrades, technology and staffing that enhance care in these communities to ensure patients can receive as much care as possible close to home - a vital component of community health in areas where residents are often elderly, living on limited incomes and restricted in their transportation options Residents of geographically isolated communities served by Essentia Health also benefit from telehealth services that provide local access to specialists and specialty services usually available only in larger urban areas Services are available in more than 20 specialties, ranging from cardiology and behavioral health to speech therapy and medical weight loss Patients treated in a number of Essentia Health emergency departments benefit from telehealth connections that allow community hospital physicians and nurses to communicate with trauma and other specialists located in Essentia Health's larger hospitals Essentia Health was one of the first Accountable Care Organizations (ACO) in the country to receive the highest level of accreditation from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) As an ACO, Essentia Health is committed to meeting the Triple Aim of improving care and population health, while reducing the overall costs for patients and society as a whole One of the newest programs under the ACO is a Population Care Management team of registered nurses who carefully review medical histories of high-risk patients on government assistance programs to ensure they are getting care needed to keep them healthy and out of the hospital Patients with multiple high-risk conditions (e g diabetes, congestive heart failure, mental health issues) and who have not recently received care are connected with Primary Care clinicians, nurses, specialists, therapists and others who can provide additional care, therapy or education The goal is improving patients' health and reducing the likelihood of hospitalizations or other high-cost care Since a majority of healthcare costs are directly related to caring for patients who have chronic conditions, Essentia Health is committed to improving health outcomes for patients, especially those with chronic diseases For example, Essentia Health now offers one-on-one tobacco cessation counseling at 37 sites across Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota These sites cover a wide geography, from small rural communities to larger urban areas, and often serve people living on low and moderate incomes In cases where these services are not covered by private or government insurance or programs, Essentia Health covers the remaining costs This is true of other programs Essentia Health supports the health of our communities through active research and clinical trials through the Essentia Institute of Rural Health (Institute) The Institute conducts clinical, translational and health services research with a primary focus on the needs of rural Americans Various Essentia Health organizations contributed approximately $4 25 million in support to the Institute during the past year Essentia Health is also a primary supporter of medical education, particularly in the area of rural primary care Essentia Health physicians serve as faculty and preceptors for the University of Minnesota School of Medicine in Duluth, MN Essentia Health also provides funding, administrative support and residency opportunities for the Duluth Family Practice Residency Program This program is vital in addressing the growing shortage of primary care physicians in rural communities

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Part VI, Line 6	Affiliated health care system Essentia Health Sandstone IS PART OF ESSENTIA HEALTH, A FULLY INTEGRATED HEALTH SYSTEM WITH 15 HOSPITALS, OVER 60 CLINICS, SEVEN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES, THREE ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES, THREE INDEPENDENT LIVING FACILITIES, FIVE AMBULANCE SERVICES AND ONE RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN FOUR STATES MINNESOTA, WISCONSIN, NORTH DAKOTA AND IDAHO THE HEALTH SYSTEM SERVES A PREDOMINANTLY RURAL POPULATION WHOSE MEDIAN INCOMES GENERALLY FALL BELOW AVERAGES OF THE STATES WHERE THEY LIVE THE PRESENCE OF OUR CLINICS AND HOSPITALS ENSURES THAT PEOPLE WITH FEW ECONOMIC RESOURCES DON'T HAVE TO DRIVE AN HOUR OR MORE TO RECEIVE BASIC (AND IN SOME CASES LIFESAVING) MEDICAL CARE IN ADDITION TO STAFFING HOSPITALS AND CLINICS IN FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED UNDERSERVED AREAS, ESSENTIA HEALTH SUPPORTS THE HEALTH OF COMMUNITIES THROUGH ACTIVE OUTREACH PROGRAMS THAT BRING ONCOLOGISTS, CARDIOLOGISTS, NEUROLOGISTS AND OTHERS INTO SMALL HOSPITALS AND CLINICS ESSENTIA HEALTH'S SIZE AND INTEGRATED STRUCTURE ALSO ALLOW THE ORGANIZATION TO EXTEND SERVICES LIKE CHEMOTHERAPY, CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE MANAGEMENT, WOUND CARE AND HOSPICE CARE TO SMALLER COMMUNITIES PATIENTS ARE ABLE TO TRAVEL SEAMLESSLY BETWEEN ESSENTIA HEALTH'S SMALLER COMMUNITY CLINICS AND ITS LARGER SPECIALTY CARE CENTERS THANKS TO SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS IN ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS (EHRS) EVERY ESSENTIA HEALTH HOSPITAL AND CLINIC IS LINKED TO THIS SYSTEM, ALLOWING CLINICIANS TO SHARE EVERYTHING FROM LAB RESULTS AND RADIOLOGY IMAGES TO NOTES ON CLINIC VISITS, HOSPITAL STAYS AND SERVICES LIKE PHYSICAL REHABILITATION THE EHR IS ALSO AN INCREASINGLY VALUABLE TOOL FOR PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, THANKS TO MYHEALTH, WHICH OFFERS PATIENTS SECURE, 24/7 ONLINE ACCESS TO THEIR MEDICAL RECORD MYHEALTH ALSO ALLOWS PATIENTS TO CONTACT THEIR PHYSICIAN OR CLINIC, SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS AND ORDER MEDICATION REFILLS THERE ARE ALSO ESTABLISHED PROTOCOLS THAT ALLOW PARENTS TO ACCESS THEIR CHILDREN'S MEDICAL RECORDS (WITH CHILD'S PERMISSION AFTER AGE 11) AND FOR ADULT PATIENTS TO AUTHORIZE ACCESS FOR FAMILY OR FRIENDS WHO ASSIST WITH CAREGIVING THESE SERVICES ARE ALL OFFERED AT NO COST TO PATIENTS AND THEIR AUTHORIZED FAMILY, FRIENDS AND CAREGIVERS ESSENTIA HEALTH ALSO PROMOTES THE HEALTH OF ALL OF ITS COMMUNITIES THROUGH ADHERENCE TO EVIDENCE-BASED BEST PRACTICE STANDARDS AND CLINICAL QUALITY GOALS DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT PATIENTS RECEIVE THE SAME HIGH STANDARD OF CARE AT ANY ESSENTIA HEALTH HOSPITAL OR CLINIC THE ESSENTIA INSTITUTE OF RURAL HEALTH (INSTITUTE) ACTIVELY SUPPORTS COMMUNITY HEALTH THROUGH ITS TRANSLATIONAL AND HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH WITH A PRIMARY FOCUS ON THE NEEDS OF RURAL AMERICANS THE INSTITUTE ALSO SPONSORS A NUMBER OF CONFERENCES AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL EVENTS, OPEN TO ALL MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS IN THE REGION, TO ENSURE THAT RURAL CLINICIANS HAVE ACCESS TO CURRENT MEDICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING CLOSE TO HOME IN ADDITION TO WORK AT THE SYSTEM LEVEL, ESSENTIA HEALTH'S HOSPITALS AND CLINICS PLAY ADDITIONAL ROLES IN PROMOTING HEALTH WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITIES EACH OF ESSENTIA HEALTH'S 15 HOSPITALS CONDUCTS A COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT TO DETERMINE THE UNIQUE HEALTH NEEDS OF COMMUNITY RESIDENTS THESE ASSESSMENTS, WHICH ARE BASED ON INPUT FROM A BROAD RANGE OF COMMUNITY RESIDENTS AND STAKEHOLDERS, ARE THE BASIS FOR ACTION PLANS AIMED AT ADDRESSING THE COMMUNITY'S MOST PRESSING HEALTH NEEDS MOST RECENTLY, TOPICS OF CONCERN HAVE INCLUDED ELIMINATING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC BARRIERS TO HEALTH AND WELLNESS, IMPROVING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND AWARENESS, AND ADDRESSING OBESITY AND CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FITNESS THESE ISSUES ARE THEN ADDRESSED THROUGH COLLABORATION WITH PRIVATE BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND OTHER NON-PROFITS ESSENTIA HEALTH EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTE DIRECTLY TO THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES BY VOLUNTEERING IN PROGRAMS RANGING FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TO UNITED WAY FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVES THEY ARE ACTIVE FUNDRAISERS FOR HEALTH-RELATED ORGANIZATIONS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, LIKE LOCAL CHAPTERS OF THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION AND MARCH OF DIMES ESSENTIA HEALTH ENCOURAGES AND SUPPORTS THESE VOLUNTEER EFFORTS IN A VARIETY OF WAYS, INCLUDING SPONSORSHIPS, FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION WE ALSO SUPPORT COMMUNITY HEALTH THROUGH SIX FOUNDATIONS AND THROUGH CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT FOCUS ON PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, LIKE AFTER-SCHOOL MEAL AND TUTORING PROGRAMS OR RESPITE SERVICES FOR CAREGIVERS OF LOVED ONES WITH DEMENTIA, THAT BENEFIT THE OVERALL HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE

Form and Line Reference	Explanation
Part VI, Line 7, Reports Filed With States	MN

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Form 990 Schedule H, Part V Section A. Hospital Facilities

Section A. Hospital Facilities

(list in order of size from largest to smallest—see instructions)
How many hospital facilities did the organization operate during the tax year?
1

	Name, address, primary website address, and state license number	Licensed hospital	General medical & surgical	Children's hospital	Teaching hospital	Critical access hospital	Research facility	ER-24 hours	ER-other	Other (Describe)	Facility reporting group
1	Essentia Health Sandstone 109 Court Ave S Sandstone, MN 55072 www essentiahealth org 375397	X	X		X	X		X			

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Schedule J (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
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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**		
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**		
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**		No
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**		No
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**		No
b	Any related organization?	**6b**		No
	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 accured 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				
1 Ty EricksonBoard Director	(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(ii)	213,272	36,990	12,885	35,391	21,511	320,049	0
2 Erika Miles MD Board Director	(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(ii)	390,114	1,526	379	20,456	32,370	444,845	0
3 Michael Hedrix Administrator	(i)	268,648	55,369	6,019	32,333	24,671	387,040	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Scott Nigon Chief Financial Officer	(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(ii)	132,752	18,345	669	7,602	26,357	185,725	0
5 Gina RothPharmacist	(i)	123,860	0	79	6,889	24,118	154,946	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Thomas Patnoe MD Former President & CMO	(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(ii)	355,012	2,481	2,548	21,200	33,936	415,177	0

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
Part I, Line 3	ESTABLISHING CEO'S COMPENSATION ESSENTIA HEALTH, AS A RELATED ORGANIZATION, USED THE FOLLOWING METHODS TO ESTABLISH ESSENTIA HEALTH SANDSTONE'S ADMINISTRATOR'S COMPENSATION A COMPENSATION COMMITTEE, INDEPENDENT COMPENSATION CONSULTANT, COMPENSATION SURVEY OR STUDY, AND APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OR COMPENSATION COMMITTEE
Part I, Line 4b	Supplemental nonqualified retirement plan Essentia Health's nonqualified retirement plan is offered to designated Essentia Health executives There is a minimum two year vesting date, or vesting is automatic upon reaching retirement age, death, disability or involuntary termination without cause Benefits are subject to income taxes upon vesting and payable from Essentia Health's general assets Reported as Retirement and Other Deferred Compensation in Schedule J, Part II, Column C, Essentia Health made contributions, subject to the vesting terms, during the year into the supplemental nonqualified retirement plan on behalf of the following individuals listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, Line 1a Ty Erickson $35,391 Michael Hedrix $11,133

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SCHEDULE O (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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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 V, LINE 1A	VENDOR PAYMENTS AND FORM 1099'S WERE PROCESSED THROUGH ESSENTIA HEALTH ON BEHALF OF CERTAIN LEGAL ENTITIES COMPRISING ESSENTIA HEALTH

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 2	BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP: RONALD OSLADIL AND TIM SCHMUTZER, BOARD DIRECTORS, HAVE A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP IN PINE HABILITATION AND SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT, INC RONALD OSLADIL AND WAYNE OAK, BOARD DIRECTORS, HAVE A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP IN NORTH PINE AREA HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 6	MEMBERS OF ORGANIZATION ESSENTIA HEALTH EAST IS THE SOLE MEMBER OF ESSENTIA HEALTH SANDSTONE NORTH PINE AREA HOSPITAL DISTRICT AND ESSENTIA HEALTH EAST MAY ELECT ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY AS DESCRIBED IN SCHEDULE O PART VI LINE 7A ESSENTIA HEALTH AND ESSENTIA HEALTH EAST HAVE RESERVED POWERS WITH RESPECT TO ESSENTIA HEALTH SANDSTONE AS DESCRIBED IN SCHEDULE O PART VI LINE 7B

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 7a	MEMBERS WITH RIGHT TO ELECT GOVERNING BODY NORTH PINE AREA HOSPITAL DISTRICT APPOINTS AND REMOVES ONE BOARD MEMBER ESSENTIA HEALTH EAST APPOINTS AND REMOVES ESSENTIA HEALTH SANDSTONE'S REMAINING GOVERNING BODY

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 7b	MEMBER WITH RIGHT TO APPROVE GOVERNING BODY DECISION ESSENTIA HEALTH SANDSTONE IS A SUBSIDIARY OF ESSENTIA HEALTH, WHOSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS RESERVED POWERS WITH RESPECT TO THIS CORPORATION AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES, AND ALL OF THE OTHER DIRECT AND INDIRECT SUBSIDIARIES OF ESSENTIA HEALTH (COLLECTIVELY, THE "SYSTEM") ESSENTIA HEALTH'S RESERVED POWERS ARE AS FOLLOWS STRATEGIC AND BUSINESS PLANS AUTHORITY TO CREATE, AND TO APPROVE, THE SYSTEM'S STRATEGIC AND BUSINESS PLANS MISSION AUTHORITY TO CREATE, AND TO APPROVE, THE MISSION, PURPOSE AND VISION STATEMENTS FOR ALL ENTITIES IN THE SYSTEM BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF AT LEAST 67% OF THE ESSENTIA HEALTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS DEBT APPROVAL OF THE INCURRENCE OF DEBT BY, AND THE CREATION OF ALL MORTGAGES, LIENS, SECURITY INTERESTS, OR OTHER ENCUMBRANCES ON THE ASSETS OF, ALL ENTITIES IN THE SYSTEM IN EXCESS OF THE SINGLE OR ANNUAL AGGREGATE DOLLAR LIMITS PRESCRIBED IN WRITING BY THE ESSENTIA HEALTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND THE AUTHORITY TO CAUSE ALL ENTITIES IN THE SYSTEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SYSTEM BORROWING GOVERNING INSTRUMENTS AUTHORITY TO CAUSE, AND TO APPROVE, AMENDMENTS OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS OF ALL ENTITIES IN THE SYSTEM MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS AUTHORITY TO CAUSE, AND TO APPROVE, ALL MERGERS, CONSOLIDATIONS, AND DISSOLUTIONS OF ALL ENTITIES IN THE SYSTEM AFFILIATIONS AND JOINT VENTURES AUTHORITY TO CAUSE, AND TO APPROVE, ALL AFFILIATIONS, JOINT VENTURES AND OTHER ALLIANCES WITH THIRD PARTIES OF ALL ENTITIES IN THE SYSTEM TRANSFER OF ASSETS WITHIN THE SYSTEM AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER ASSETS, INCLUDING CASH, BETWEEN AND AMONG ENTITIES WITHIN THE SYSTEM, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ESSENTIA HEALTH SHALL NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE ANY ENTITY IN THE SYSTEM TO TRANSFER ASSETS (A) THAT WOULD CAUSE SUCH ENTITY TO BE IN DEFAULT OF ITS COVENANTS OR OBLIGATIONS UNDER ANY BOND OR OTHER FINANCING DOCUMENTS, (B) FROM THE CATHOLIC ENTITIES TO THE SECULAR ENTITIES OR FROM THE SECULAR ENTITIES TO THE CATHOLIC ENTITIES IN A MANNER OR TO AN EXTENT THAT WOULD CAUSE THE CATHOLIC ENTITIES TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THE ETHICAL AND RELIGIOUS DIRECTIVES FOR CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE SERVICES (ERDS) IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE LOCAL ORDINARY, OR (C) SUCH THAT MONEY GENERATED BY SERVICES AT SECULAR FACILITIES WITHIN THE SYSTEM BY PROCEDURES THAT ARE CONTRARY TO THE ERDS WOULD BE USED AT THE CATHOLIC ENTITIES OR MONEY GENERATED BY CATHOLIC ENTITIES WOULD BE USED IN THE PROVIDING OF SERVICES CONTRARY TO THE ERDS AT SECULAR FACILITIES WITHIN THE SYSTEM TRANSFER OF ASSETS OUTSIDE THE SYSTEM AUTHORITY TO CAUSE, AND TO APPROVE, THE SALE, LEASE OR OTHER TRANSFER OF ASSETS OF ALL ENTITIES IN THE SYSTEM TO PARTIES OUTSIDE OF THE SYSTEM WHEN THE ASSET'S VALUE EXCEEDS THE SINGLE OR ANNUAL AGGREGATE DOLLAR LIMITS PRESCRIBED IN WRITING BY THE ESSENTIA HEALTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS SERVICES AUTHORITY TO CAUSE, AND TO APPROVE, THE ADDITION OF NEW SERVICES AND SERVICE LOCATIONS AND THE DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICES AND SERVICE LOCATIONS WITHIN ALL ENTITIES IN THE SYSTEM BUDGETS APPROVAL OF CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGETS OF ALL ENTITIES IN THE SYSTEM PROFESSIONAL SERVICES SELECTION OF THE GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL AND EXTERNAL AUDITORS OF ALL ENTITIES IN THE SYSTEM APPROVAL OF PARENT BOARDS APPROVAL OF THE ELECTION AND REMOVAL, WITH OR WITHOUT CAUSE, OF 100% OF THE CRITICAL ACCESS GROUP (CAG) AND ESSENTIA HEALTH EAST (SMDC) BOARDS OF DIRECTORS (WHO SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE METHODS SET FORTH IN THE CAG AND SMDC GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, RESPECTIVELY, SUBJECT TO ESSENTIA'S APPROVAL) ACQUISITIONS AUTHORITY TO CAUSE, AND TO APPROVE, ALL ACQUISITIONS BY AND FORMATIONS OF ENTITIES IN THE SYSTEM MARKETING AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT SYSTEM-WIDE MARKETING AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES COMPLIANCE PLANS AUTHORITY TO CREATE, AND TO APPROVE, CORPORATE COMPLIANCE, SAFETY AND RISK MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR ENTITIES WITHIN THE SYSTEM QUALITY PLAN AUTHORITY TO CREATE, AND TO APPROVE, THE SYSTEM'S QUALITY PLAN NON-BUDGETED PURCHASES APPROVAL OF NON-BUDGETED CAPITAL PURCHASES AND LEASES IN EXCESS OF THE SINGLE OR ANNUAL AGGREGATE DOLLAR LIMITS PRESCRIBED IN WRITING BY ESSENTIA HEALTH FOR ENTITIES WITHIN THE SYSTEM HUMAN RESOURCES AUTHORITY TO CREATE HUMAN RESOURCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WITHIN THE SYSTEM RESERVED POWERS AUTHORITY TO CREATE ADDITIONAL ESSENTIA HEALTH RESERVED POWERS BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF AT LEAST 80% OF THE ESSENTIA HEALTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS (EXCLUDING THE ESSENTIA HEALTH CEO), PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ANY ADDITIONAL ESSENTIA HEALTH RESERVED POWERS SHALL NOT CONTRAVENE OR HINDER THE RESERVED POWERS OF BENEDICTINE SISTERS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION ESSENTIA HEALTH EAST ALSO HAS CERTAIN RESERVED POWERS OVER ALL EAST FACILITIES WITHIN ESSENTIA HEALTH ESSENTIA HEALTH EAST'S RESERVED POWERS ARE AS FOLLOWS Oversight of quality, safety and service performance Oversight of the mission performance Oversight of the operating and financial performance Development of capital and operating budgets and strategic plans Execution of the approved capital and operating budgets and strategic and business plans Oversight of accreditation and licensure compliance Oversight of operation of all affiliations, joint ventures and other alliances with third parties, including such transactions with the medical staffs Election of members to serve on the boards of the subsidiaries, (consistent with, and as provided for, in the applicable subsidiary's bylaws) and removal of such members with or without cause Evaluation of the performance of subsidiary senior officers and administrators Evaluation of patient, family and customer satisfaction with respect to the services provided within the System Evaluation of job satisfaction and staff morale within the System Administration of human resource policies and procedures Execution of the approved corporate compliance, safety and risk management plans Authority to comment on proposed amendments of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, before such amendments are acted upon by Benedictine Sisters Benevolent Association or Essentia Health

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11	FORM 990 REVIEW PROCESS THE 2015 FORM 990, INCLUDING ALL SCHEDULES, WAS REVIEWED BY ESSENTIA HEALTH SANDSTONE'S MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNING BODY PRIOR TO FILING WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE EACH CURRENT DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNING BODY RECEIVED A FINAL COPY OF THE 2015 FORM 990 ESSENTIA HEALTH SANDSTONE'S CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER LED THE REVIEW OF THE FORM AND SCHEDULES AND ANY QUESTIONS WERE DISCUSSED

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c	Monitoring and enforcing Conflict of Interest policy Essentia Health's comprehensive conflict of interest program prevents, detects and resolves actual conflicts of interests or the actual or potential appearance of such Fiduciaries, defined as an Essentia Health board member/trustee, officer, board committee member, senior management employee, or any others considered to be in a position of influence, are covered under Essentia Health's conflict of interest program Upon initial appointment, each fiduciary must complete an initial conflict of interest statement and disclosure questionnaire At the conclusion of each calendar year, each fiduciary must complete an annual conflict of interest statement and disclosure questionnaire As needed, a fiduciary will update his/her most recently completed questionnaire each time the fiduciary becomes aware of a financial interest, a potential conflict, or change to any information that the fiduciary previously reported Essentia Health's Chief Compliance Officer will collect the questionnaires and evaluate the disclosures If a fiduciary has a potential conflict of interest, the Chief Compliance Officer or designee may request additional information from the fiduciary, the management team, and others During the evaluation process, the Chief Compliance Officer may also consult with Essentia Health's Board and Audit Committee Chairs, senior management, legal department, or appropriate representatives from Essentia Health The Chief Compliance Officer reports to the Essentia Health Audit Committee and the Essentia Health Board of Directors any actual or potential conflicts of interest disclosed by the fiduciary, along with recommended actions The Essentia Health Board of Directors (or designee) will then determine whether to approve the situation or to implement special controls to manage the potential conflict of interest The Chief Compliance Officer will then officially notify the fiduciary in writing of the board's decision The decision of whether or not the disclosure constitutes a conflict will be at the Essentia Health Board of Director's (or designee) sole discretion, and its concern must be the welfare of Essentia Health and its affiliate(s) and the advancement of its purposes When the Essentia Health Board of Directors (or designee) considers a Fiduciary's disclosure as a Conflict of Interest, special controls will be identified to manage, eliminate or reduce the likelihood and/or appearance of a conflict arising Controls may include, but are not limited to A If the conflict involves an on-going matter or relationship, the Fiduciary must not participate in Board, Board committee or management discussions related to the conflict and must recuse themselves and if appropriate, withdraw, from any Board meeting or portion thereof where the matter is being discussed and during the vote on the potential Conflict of Interest The Fiduciary may answer questions at the Board's or the Board Committee's request B If the conflict involves a specific transaction or decision, the Fiduciary will fully disclose their interest and all related material facts The Board or committee of the Board will determine whether the contemplated transaction may be authorized as just, fair, and reasonable to Essentia Health or its affiliate(s) If the Board determines a conflict does not exist, the Fiduciary may proceed with the transaction, however, he or she will not be eligible to vote on related issues should they arise If the Board determines a conflict does exist, the Fiduciary will be notified of the decision regarding whether the contemplated transaction will be authorized as just, fair, and reasonable

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15	PROCESS FOR DETERMINING COMPENSATION The Executive Compensation Committee of Essentia Health's board of directors is authorized to fulfill the board's responsibilities regarding executive compensation consistent with Essentia's mission, values and tax-exempt status, and the Executive Compensation Committee's Charter The Executive Compensation Committee meets at least twice annually to carry out its responsibilities, which include, but are not limited to, establishing, reviewing and modifying, as appropriate, reasonable compensation and benefits for designated Essentia executives who are officers or key employees of Essentia or any of its affiliates which may be paid by related organizations The Executive Compensation Committee engages qualified independent compensation advisors to provide objective and impartial comparative data and to express opinions on total compensation reasonableness The Executive Compensation Committee may request its independent advisors to monitor comparability data and marketplace trends, make appropriate recommendations regarding salary ranges, and periodically review the market competitiveness of Essentia executive compensation packages Prior to establishing or adjusting executive compensation, the Executive Compensation Committee will obtain and rely upon appropriate data as to comparability of the proposed compensation or adjustments The Executive Compensation Committee will adequately document the basis for its determination concurrently with making those determinations The Executive Compensation Committee minutes will include the terms of the approved compensation and the date approved, the Executive Compensation Committee members present during the review, discussion and approval of the proposed compensation and those who voted on the proposed compensation, identification of the comparability data obtained and relied upon by the Executive Compensation Committee and how the data was obtained, any actions by a member of the Executive Compensation Committee having a conflict of interest, and documentation of the basis for the determination The year this process was last undertaken for Essentia Health Sandstone's Administrator and Chief Financial Officer was 2016

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	Availability of governing documents, conflict of interest policy, & financial statements to the public Governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements are made available to the public upon request for the same period of disclosure as set forth in section 6104(d) The organization is part of Essentia Health's consolidated financial statements which are included in Essentia Health's annual report posted on Essentia Health's web site

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part IX, line 11g	Locums Program service expenses 781,726 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 781,726 Contracted Medical Fees Program service expenses 461,406 Management and general expenses 10,000 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 471,406 Consultant Fees Program service expenses 178,258 Management and general expenses 198,034 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 376,292 Intercompany Services Program service expenses 209,691 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 209,691 Purchased Services Program service expenses 99,006 Management and general expenses 102,998 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 202,004 Contract Service Maintenance Program service expenses 20,774 Management and general expenses 63,073 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 83,847 Temp Agency Fees Program service expenses 71,289 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 71,289 Garbage Program service expenses 491 Management and general expenses 21,054 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 21,545 Grounds Maintenance Program service expenses 0 Management and general expenses 20,340 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 20,340

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part XI, line 9	NET ASSET TRANSFER OF NET DISTRIBUTIONS WITH PMC GATEWAY IMAGING, LLC 185,159 NET ASSET TRANSFER WITH RELATED ORG -155,885

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part XII, Line 3b	Essentia Health Sandstone, as part of Essentia Health's consolidated financial statements, was required and underwent a consolidated audit set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133 The consolidated audit is reviewed by the Essentia Health Audit Committee

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SCHEDULE R (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

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

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

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2015

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization
Pine Medical Center

Employer identification number
41-1884597

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	(g) No
See Additional Data Table							

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) Disproprtionate allocations? Yes	(h) No	(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner? Yes	(j) No	(k) Percentage ownership
(1) PMC-Gateway Imaging LLC 109 Court Ave S Sandstone, MN 55072 26-1634764	Imaging Services	MN	N/A	Related	245,190	65,812		No		Yes		62 000 %

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	(i) No
(1) East Range Clinics Ltd (thru 11615) 910 6th Ave N Virginia, MN 55792 41-0909915	Clinics	MN	N/A	C				Yes	
Essentia Health Insurance **(2)** Services SPC Ltd PO Box 1159 Grand Cayman CJ 000000000	Self Indemnity	CJ	N/A	C				Yes	

Part V **Transactions With Related Organizations** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

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

		Yes	No
1	During the tax year, did the orgranization 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	**1a**		**No**
b	Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)	**1b**		**No**
c	Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)	**1c**		**No**
d	Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)	**1d**		**No**
e	Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)	**1e**		**No**
f	Dividends from related organization(s)	**1f**		**No**
g	Sale of assets to related organization(s)	**1g**		**No**
h	Purchase of assets from related organization(s)	**1h**		**No**
i	Exchange of assets with related organization(s)	**1i**		**No**
j	Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)	**1j**		**No**
k	Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)	**1k**		**No**
l	Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)	**1l**		**No**
m	Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)	**1m**	**Yes**	
n	Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)	**1n**		**No**
o	Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)	**1o**		**No**
p	Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses	**1p**	**Yes**	
q	Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses	**1q**	**Yes**	
r	Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)	**1r**	**Yes**	
s	Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)	**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			

Part VI **Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproprtionate 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		Yes	No	

Part VII Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule R, Part II, Column (a)	The following Essentia Health entities have a doing business as name Legal Name, Doing Business As Name Brainerd Lakes Integrated Health System, Essentia Health Central Brainerd Medical Center, Inc , Essentia Health Brainerd Specialty Clinic Bridges Medical Center, Essentia Health Ada Deer River Healthcare Center, Inc , Essentia Health Deer River First Care Medical Services, Essentia Health Fosston Graceville Health Center, Essentia Health Holy Trinity Hospital Innovis Health, LLC, Essentia Health West Midwest Medical Equipment and Supplies, Inc , Essentia Health Medical Equipment & Supplies Northern Pines Medical Center, Essentia Health Northern Pines Pine Medical Center, Essentia Health Sandstone Polinsky Medical Rehabilitation Center, Essentia Health Polinsky Medical Rehabilitation Center SMDC Medical Center, Essentia Health Duluth St Joseph's Medical Center, Essentia Health St Joseph's Medical Center St Mary's Duluth Clinic Health System, Essentia Health East St Mary's EMS, Essentia Health St Mary's Emergency Medical Services-Detroit Lakes St Mary's Hospital of Superior, Essentia Health St Mary's Hospital-Superior St Mary's Medical Center, Essentia Health St Mary's Medical Center St Mary's Regional Health Center, Essentia Health St Mary's-Detroit Lakes

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 41-1884597
Name: Pine Medical Center

Form 990, Schedule R, Part II - Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations

(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
Brainerd Lakes Integrated Health System 2024 S 6th St Brainerd, MN 56401 37-1532145	Supporting org	MN	501(c)(3)	Line 11b, II	Essentia Health	Yes	
Brainerd Medical Center Inc 2024 S 6th St Brainerd, MN 56401 37-1532148	Clinic	MN	501(c)(3)	Line 3	Brainerd Lakes Integrated Health System	Yes	
Bridges Medical Center 503 E 3rd St Ste 400 Duluth, MN 55805 20-0479568	Hospital/Clinic	MN	501(c)(3)	Line 3	Innovis Health LLC	Yes	
Clearwater Valley Hospital and Clinics Inc 301 Cedar Orofino, ID 83544 82-0497771	Hospital/Clinic	ID	501(c)(3)	Line 3	Critical Access Group	Yes	
Critical Access Group 503 E 3rd St Ste 400 Duluth, MN 55805 26-1219624	Supporting org	MN	501(c)(3)	Line 11b, II	Essentia Health	Yes	
Deer River Healthcare Center Inc 115 10th Ave NE Deer River, MN 56636 41-0844574	Hospital/Clinic/Skilled Nursing Facility	MN	501(c)(3)	Line 3	St Mary's Duluth Clinic Health System	Yes	
Essentia Health 502 E 2nd St Duluth, MN 55805 20-0360007	Supporting org	MN	501(c)(3)	Line 11c, III-FI	N/A		No
Essentia Health Foundation 502 E 2nd St Duluth, MN 55805 27-1984704	Foundation	MN	501(c)(3)	Line 7	Essentia Health	Yes	
Essentia Institute of Rural Health 502 E 2nd St Duluth, MN 55805 27-1291124	Research	MN	501(c)(3)	Line 4	The Duluth Clinic Ltd	Yes	
First Care Medical Services 900 Hilligoss Blvd SE Fosston, MN 56542 41-0706143	Hospital/Clinic/Skilled Nursing Facility	MN	501(c)(3)	Line 3	Innovis Health LLC	Yes	
Graceville Health Center 115 West Second St Graceville, MN 56240 41-0726173	Hospital/Clinic/Skilled Nursing Facility	MN	501(c)(3)	Line 3	Innovis Health LLC	Yes	
Innovis Health LLC 3000 32nd Ave S Fargo, ND 58103 26-1175213	Hospital/Clinic	DE	501(c)(3)	Line 3	Essentia Health	Yes	
Midwest Medical Equipment and Supplies Inc 4418 Haines Rd Duluth, MN 55811 41-1674021	Medical Equipment	MN	501(c)(3)	Line 9	St Mary's Medical Center	Yes	
Northern Pines Medical Center 5211 Hwy 110 Aurora, MN 55705 41-0841441	Hospital/Clinic/Skilled Nursing Facility	MN	501(c)(3)	Line 3	St Mary's Duluth Clinic Health System	Yes	
Polinsky Medical Rehabilitation Center 530 E 2nd St Duluth, MN 55805 41-0691275	Rehabilitation services	MN	501(c)(3)	Line 3	St Mary's Medical Center	Yes	
SMDC Medical Center 502 E 2nd St Duluth, MN 55805 41-1878730	Hospital/Clinic	MN	501(c)(3)	Line 3	St Mary's Duluth Clinic Health System	Yes	
St Joseph's Medical Center 523 N 3rd St Brainerd, MN 56401 41-0695602	Hospital/Clinic	MN	501(c)(3)	Line 3	Brainerd Lakes Integrated Health System	Yes	
St Mary's Duluth Clinic Health System 407 E 3rd St Duluth, MN 55805 41-1836633	Supporting org	MN	501(c)(3)	Line 11b, II	Essentia Health	Yes	
St Mary's EMS 1027 Washington Ave Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 41-1805811	Emergency services	MN	501(c)(3)	Line 9	St Mary's Regional Health Center	Yes	
St Mary's Hospital of Superior 3500 Tower Ave Superior, WI 54880 41-1811073	Hospital/Clinic	MN	501(c)(3)	Line 3	St Mary's Medical Center	Yes	

Form 990, Schedule R, Part II - Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations

(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
St Mary's Hospital Inc PO Box 137 Cottonwood, ID 83522 82-0226453	Hospital/Clinic	ID	501(c)(3)	Line 3	Critical Access Group	Yes	
St Mary's Innovis Health 1027 Washington Ave Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 26-2861321	Pharmacy	MN	501(c)(3)	Line 3	Innovis Health LLC	Yes	
St Mary's Medical Center 407 E 3rd St Duluth, MN 55805 41-0695604	Hospital	MN	501(c)(3)	Line 3	St Mary's Duluth Clinic Health System	Yes	
St Mary's Regional Health Center 1027 Washington Ave Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 41-1620386	Hospital/Clinic/Skilled Nursing Facility	MN	501(c)(3)	Line 3	Innovis Health LLC	Yes	
The Duluth Clinic Ltd 400 E 3rd St Duluth, MN 55805 41-0883623	Clinic	MN	501(c)(3)	Line 3	St Mary's Duluth Clinic Health System	Yes	

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)	THE DULUTH CLINIC LTD	P	324,725	Actual Costs
(1)	ESSENTIA HEALTH	M	1,379,275	Actual Costs
(2)	ESSENTIA HEALTH	P	301,919	Actual Costs
(3)	ESSENTIA HEALTH	Q	134,677	Actual Costs
(4)	PMC-GATEWAY IMAGING LLC	R	483,362	Actual Costs
(5)	ST MARY'S MEDICAL CENTER	P	276,285	Actual Costs
(6)	ST MARY'S MEDICAL CENTER	Q	114,121	Actual Costs
(7)	ST MARY'S MEDICAL CENTER	S	205,421	Actual Costs