HOUSTON HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, INC.

COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Trustees Houston Healthcare System, Inc.

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying combined financial statements of Houston Healthcare System, Inc. (a Georgia corporation), which comprise the combined balance sheets as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 and the related combined statements of operations and changes in net assets and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the combined financial statements.

In our opinion, the combined financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Houston Healthcare System, Inc. as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Houston Healthcare System, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the combined financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Houston Healthcare System, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the combined financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the combined financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the combined financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the combined financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks.
 Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures
 that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the
 effectiveness of Houston Healthcare System, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion
 is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the combined financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Houston Healthcare System, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Report on Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the combined financial statements as a whole. The supplementary combining information referred to in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the combined financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the combined financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the combined financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the combined financial statements or to the combined financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the combined financial statements as a whole.

Atlanta, Georgia September 9, 2025

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HOUSTON HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, INC. COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023 (in thousands)

ASSETS

ASSETS				
	2024		2024 2	
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	23,541	\$	12,997
Assets limited as to use		777		675
Patient accounts receivable, net		24,132		24,858
Estimated third-party payor settlements		-		790
Insurance recoveries, current portion		2,388		2,422
Inventories		4,852		4,621
Other current assets		5,256		5,835
Total current assets		60,946		52,198
ASSETS LIMITED AS TO USE		82,726		100,878
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET		138,637		141,036
PENSION ASSET		2,422		1,445
OTHER ASSETS				
Operating lease right-of-use assets, net		6,875		7,824
Investments in unconsolidated entities		3,534		3,596
Insurance recoveries		7,601		7,006
Total other assets		18,010		18,426
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	302,741	\$	313,983

HOUSTON HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, INC. COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS – CONTINUED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

(in thousands)

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

	2024	2023		
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 16,187	\$	12,492	
Accrued compensation and benefits	25,764		22,267	
Estimated third-party payor settlements	14,546		6,486	
Operating lease liabilities, current portion	769		830	
Other current liabilities	5,823		5,676	
Total current liabilities	63,089		47,751	
LINE OF CREDIT	-		6,411	
OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITY	-		6,523	
OPERATING LEASE LIABILITIES,				
LESS CURENT PORTION	6,257		7,025	
SELF-INSURANCE RESERVES	 18,836		17,378	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	88,182		85,088	
NET ASSETS				
Without donor-imposed restrictions	214,559		228,895	
Total net assets	214,559		228,895	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 302,741	\$	313,983	

HOUSTON HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, INC. COMBINED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023 (in thousands)

	2024	2023		
OPERATING REVENUES				
Net patient service revenue	\$ 320,072	\$	298,871	
Other revenue	5,533		4,155	
Total operating revenues	325,605		303,026	
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Salaries and benefits	201,686		198,528	
Supplies and drugs	49,118		48,232	
Other expenses	93,308		82,071	
Depreciation and amortization	10,797		10,237	
Interest expense	116		541	
Total operating expenses	 355,025		339,609	
OPERATING LOSS	 (29,420)		(36,583)	
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)				
Investment income	2,571		2,890	
Other components of net periodic pension costs	-		58	
Net realized gain on sales of securities	3,859		1,030	
Net unrealized gain on securities	546		8,805	
Other nonoperating revenues (expenses)	4,729		(7,256)	
Noncapital grants, contributions and other	241		4	
Total nonoperating revenues	11,946		5,531	
EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER REVENUES	(17,474)		(31,052)	
Changes in pension assets and benefit obligations				
not included in net periodic pension costs	857		6,035	
Contributions for capital	 2,281			
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT				
DONOR-IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS	(14,336)		(25,017)	
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	228,895		253,912	
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 214,559	\$	228,895	

HOUSTON HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, INC. COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023 (in thousands)

	2024		2023		
				2023	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Decrease in net assets	\$	(14,336)	\$	(25,017)	
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to					
net cash used in operating activities:					
Depreciation and amortization		10,797		10,237	
Unrealized gain on securities		(546)		(8,805)	
Realized gain on securities		(3,859)		(1,030)	
Amortization of operating right-of-use assets		949		701	
Changes in:					
Patient accounts receivable, net		726		(757)	
Inventories		(231)		61	
Other current assets		579		(494)	
Self-insurance reserves and insurance					
recoveries		897		618	
Investments in unconsolidated entities		62		150	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		7,192		4,816	
Estimated third-party payor settlements, net		8,850		4,619	
Other current liabilities		147		93	
Other long term liabilties		(6,523)		-	
Operating lease liabilities		(829)		(673)	
Accrued pension obligations		(977)		1,588	
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		2,898		(13,893)	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Purchases of assets limited as to use		(167,966)		(129,365)	
Proceeds from sale of assets limited as to use		190,421		163,118	
Capital expenditures		(8,398)		(12,889)	
Net cash provided by investing activities		14,057		20,864	

HOUSTON HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, INC. COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023 (in thousands)

	2024		2023	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES Proceeds (repayments) from line-of-credit	\$	(6,411)	\$	1,411
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities		(6,411)		1,411
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		10,544		8,382
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT:				
BEGINNING OF YEAR		12,997		4,615
END OF YEAR	\$	23,541	\$	12,997
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOWS INFORMATION:				
Cash paid during the year for: Interest	\$	116	\$	541
Operating lease right-of-use assets in exchange for operating lease liabilities	\$		\$	6,942
Capital expenditures	\$		\$	6,523

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1. DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization

Houston Healthcare System, Inc. (the System), located in Warner Robins, Georgia, is a not-for-profit corporation that operates acute care hospitals and freestanding outpatient treatment facilities. The System provides a full range of inpatient, outpatient and emergency services to the residents of Houston County and surrounding areas. The following entities comprise the System: Houston Hospitals, Inc. operates two acute care hospitals Houston Healthcare – Warner Robins and Houston Healthcare – Perry, which provide inpatient, outpatient and urgent care services; Houston Healthcare EMS, Inc. provides ambulance services to the residents of Houston County; Houston Healthcare Properties, Inc. owns and manages the non-hospital property of the System; Houston Health Ventures, Inc. is a for-profit corporation engaged in joint ventures that assist and promote the tax exempt purposes of the System; Houston Primary Care Physicians, LLC and Houston Physician Specialties, LLC operate free-standing primary care and specialty physician practices and Houston ASC, LLC operates a free-standing ambulatory surgery center. All intercompany transactions have been eliminated.

Effective January 1, 2009, the Hospital Authority of Houston County, Georgia (the Authority), implemented a reorganization plan for Houston Hospitals, Inc. and related facilities whereby all the assets, liabilities, management and governance of the facilities were transferred to Houston Hospitals, Inc., pursuant to a lease and transfer agreement which provides for a nominal rate to the Authority by the System. The lease term expires December 31, 2048.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of combined financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the combined financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include investments in highly liquid debt instruments with an original maturity of three months or less, excluding cash and cash equivalents included in assets limited as to use.

Investments and Investment Income

Investments in equity and debt securities are measured at fair value in the combined balance sheets. Investment income or loss (including realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments, interest and dividends) is included in excess of expenses over revenues unless the income or loss is restricted by donor or law.

Assets Limited as to Use

Assets limited as to use primarily include assets set aside by the Board of Trustees (the Board) for future capital improvements, over which the Board retains control and may at its discretion subsequently use for other purposes. Amounts required to meet current liabilities of the System

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have been reclassified as current assets in the combined balance sheets at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Inventories

Inventories, consisting primarily of medical supplies, pharmaceuticals and durable medical equipment are stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment acquisitions are recorded at cost at date of acquisition or estimated value on the date received for donated items. Depreciation is recorded over the estimated useful life of each class of depreciable asset and is computed using the straight-line method. Property and equipment assets are deprecated over a period of one to 47 years.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

The System evaluates on an ongoing basis the recoverability of its assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is required to be recognized if the carrying value of the asset exceeds the undiscounted future net cash flows associated with that asset. The impairment loss to be recognized is the amount by which the carrying value of the long-lived asset exceeds the asset's fair value. In most instances, the fair value is determined by discounted estimated future cash flows using an appropriate interest rate. The System has not recorded any impairment charges in the accompanying combined statements of operations and changes in net assets for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Cost of Borrowing

Interest cost on borrowed funds during the period of construction of capital assets is capitalized as a component of the cost of acquiring those assets. There was no capitalized interest cost for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Investments in Unconsolidated Entities

Investments in unconsolidated companies represent the System's participation in joint ventures and partnerships, which are accounted for on the cost and equity methods and are not material to the System's combined financial statements.

Leases

In accordance with FASB ASC Topic 842, *Leases*, at lease commencement, the System initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. The right-of-use lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs.

Key estimates and judgments related to leases include how the System determines: (1) the discount rate used to discount the expected lease payments to present value, (2) lease term and (3) lease payments. The System uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the System generally uses the incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases. The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease, as well as expected renewal terms. In determining the lease term, management considers all facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to

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exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option. Extension options are only included in the lease term if the lease is reasonably certain to be extended.

The System monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its leases and will remeasure right-of-use lease assets and liabilities if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of any lease liability.

Excess of Expenses over Revenue

The combined statements of operations and changes in net assets include excess of expenses over revenues. Changes in unrestricted net assets which are excluded from excess of revenues over expenses, consistent with industry practice, include permanent transfers of assets to and from affiliates for other than goods and services, changes in pension assets and benefit obligations not included in net periodic pension costs, and contributions of long-lived assets (including assets acquired using contributions, which by donor restriction were to be used for the purposes of acquiring such assets).

Net Patient Service Revenue

Net patient service revenue is recorded at the transaction price estimated by the System to reflect the total consideration due from patients and third-party payors in exchange for providing goods and services for patient care. These services are considered to be a single performance obligation and have a duration of less than one year. Revenues are recorded as these goods and services are provided.

The transaction price, which involves significant estimates, is determined based on the System's standard charges for the goods and services provided, with a reduction recorded for price concessions related to third-party contractual arrangements as well as patient discounts and other patient price concessions. During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the impact of changes to the inputs used to determine the transaction price was considered immaterial to the current periods.

Charity Care

The System provides care to patients who meet certain criteria under its charity care policy without charge or at amounts less than its established rates. Because the System does not pursue collection of amounts determined to qualify as charity care, they are not reported in net patient service revenue.

Donor-Restricted Gifts

Unconditional promises to give cash and other assets to the System are reported at fair value at the date the promise is received. Conditional promises to give and indications of intentions to give are reported at fair value at the date the gift is received. The gifts are reported as support without donor restrictions if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified as unrestricted net assets and reported in the combined statements of operations and changes in net assets as net assets released from restrictions. Donor-restricted contributions whose restrictions are met within the same year as received are reported as contributions without donor restrictions in the accompanying combined financial statements.

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Risk Management

The System is exposed to various risks of loss from torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; business interruption; errors and omissions; employee injuries and illnesses; natural disasters; medical malpractice; and employee health, dental and accident benefits. Commercial insurance coverage is purchased for claims arising from such matters. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the three preceding years. The System is partially self-insured for employee health and professional liability as disclosed in Note 13. The System is also partially self-insured for workers' compensation.

Estimated Malpractice Costs and Other Self-Insurance Costs

The provision for estimated medical malpractice claims and other self-insurance plans includes estimates of the ultimate costs for both reported claims and claims incurred but not reported.

Income Taxes

The System is a not-for-profit corporation that has been recognized as tax-exempt pursuant to Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC).

The System applies accounting policies that prescribe when to recognize and how to measure the combined financial statements effects of income tax positions taken or expected to be taken on its income tax returns. These rules require management to evaluate the likelihood that, upon examination by the relevant taxing jurisdictions, those income tax positions would be sustained.

Based on that evaluation, the System only recognizes the maximum benefit of each income tax position that is more than 50% likely of being sustained. To the extent that all or a portion of the benefits of an income tax position are not recognized, a liability would be recognized for the unrecognized benefits, along with any interest and penalties that would result from disallowance of the position. Should any such penalties and interest be incurred, they would be recognized as operating expenses.

Based on the results of management's evaluation, no liability is recognized in the accompanying combined balance sheets for unrecognized income tax positions. Further, no interest or penalties have been accrued or charged to expense as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 or for the years then ended. The System's tax returns are subject to possible examination by taxing authorities. For federal income tax purposes, the tax returns essentially remain open for possible examination for a period of three years after the respective filing deadlines of those returns.

Houston Health Ventures, Inc. is a for-profit corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of the System. The System has not recorded a current or deferred tax provision, as this would not have a material effect on the combined financial statements.

Fair Value Measurements

The standards for fair value measurement of financial assets and liabilities define fair value, establish a framework for measuring fair value, and expand disclosures about fair value measurement. The guidance also emphasizes that fair value is based on a market-based measurement, not an entity-specific measurement, and sets out a fair value hierarchy with the highest priority being quoted prices in active markets. Fair value measurements are disclosed by level within the hierarchy.

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Under the guidance for fair value measurement of nonfinancial assets and liabilities, measurements occur on a nonrecurring basis, and recognition at fair value occurs when nonfinancial assets and liabilities are deemed to be other-than-temporarily impaired. The System does not have any nonfinancial assets or nonfinancial liabilities at December 31, 2024 and 2023 that require disclosure by levels within the hierarchy.

Reclassifications

Certain prior year items in the financial statements have been reclassified to be comparable with the classification for the year ended December 31, 2024. The reclassifications have no effect on the previously reported financials.

Subsequent Events

The System has evaluated the impact of subsequent events through September 9, 2025, representing the date on which the combined financial statements were issued. Certain subsequent events requiring disclosure are described in the accompanying notes to the combined financial statements.

2. ATRIUM HEALTH STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Effective February 23, 2023, the System entered into a Strategic Partnership Agreement (Agreement) with Navicent Health, Inc. and Atrium Health, Inc. (Atrium Health). The strategic partnership is intended to provide the System with meaningful opportunities to optimize economies of scale and create operational efficiencies to reduce costs, while maintaining the quality delivery and ongoing improvement of healthcare within the System's service delivery area. The System maintains independent management and an independent board of directors with full control and no board or board committee representation by Atrium Health. As part of the Agreement, Atrium Health provides certain core services for an annual fee of \$875. The initial term of the Agreement is ten years expiring February 23, 2033 with option to renew for two successive periods of two years each.

In the event the Agreement is terminated or not renewed, the System shall pay an exit payment in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. The exit payment shall be determined by an independent valuation performed at or around the time of the termination of the Agreement.

In connection with the Agreement, the System and Atrium Health entered into an Investment Agreement and Master Information Technology Services Agreement (IT Agreement). Under the Investment Agreement, Atrium Health commits to make an investment in the amount of \$43,110 for the initial implementation of technology and \$50,000 as co-investments with the System for strategic investments mutually agreed upon. The IT Agreement includes technology services and implementation of certain technology systems.

The Agreement include payment obligations by the System for technology related fees and exit payments, defined by the Agreement, in the event of early termination of the Agreement. As of the year ended December 31, 2023, Atrium Health has provided \$6,523 of technology implementation services that has been paid through a dollar-for-dollar setoff against the Investment Agreement. The implementation services of \$6,523 is included as other long-term liability in the accompanying combined balance sheets. During 2024, the System canceled

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installation of certain hardware, which resulted in satisfying its technology implementation services obligation. As a result, no liability was outstanding as of December 31, 2024.

On February 23, 2024, the System entered into a GPO Membership Agreement with Atrium Health Supply Chain Alliance (AHSCA). The agreement allows AHSCA to act as the purchasing agent for goods and services as well as the exclusive group purchasing organization.

Effective May 31, 2025, Houston entered into an acknowledgement and termination agreement (Termination Agreement) to end its strategic partnership. As a result, all related partnership agreements were terminated, and certain services provided under these agreements began a wind-down process.

In connection with the Termination Agreement, Houston made an exit payment of \$155.

Pursuant to the MITSA, Houston remains responsible for all fees and reimbursable expenses accrued prior to the effective date of termination. Houston repaid fees and reimbursable expenses totaling \$464. Additionally, Houston is responsible for any fees and reimbursable expenses incurred during the applicable termination transition period.

3. PATIENT SERVICE REVENUE

The System has agreements with third-party payors that provide for payments to the System at amounts different from its established rates. The System does not believe there are any significant credit risks associated with receivables due from third-party payors.

A summary of the payment arrangements with major third-party payors follows:

Medicare

Inpatient acute care services and outpatient services rendered to Medicare program beneficiaries are paid at prospectively determined rates per discharge. These rates vary according to a patient classification system that is based on clinical, diagnostic and other factors.

The System is reimbursed for certain reimbursable items at a tentative rate with final settlement determined after submission of annual cost reports by the System and audits thereof by the Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC). The System's classification of patients under the Medicare program and the appropriateness of their admissions are subject to an independent review by a peer review organization under contract with the System. The System's Medicare cost reports have been audited by the MAC through 2016 for Houston Healthcare – Warner Robins and 2018 for Houston Healthcare – Perry.

Revenue from the Medicare program accounted for approximately 42% and 42% of the System's net patient service revenue for 2024 and 2023, respectively. Laws and regulations governing the Medicare program are extremely complex and subject to interpretation. As a result, there is at least a reasonable possibility that recorded estimates will change by a material amount in the near term. Estimated reimbursement amounts are adjusted in subsequent periods as cost reports are prepared and filed and as final settlements are determined. The 2024 net patient service

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revenue increased approximately \$102 (increased \$1,044 for 2023), primarily due to changes in previously estimated settlements.

The System believes that it is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations and is not aware of any pending or threatened investigations involving allegations of potential wrongdoing. However, there has been an increase in regulatory initiatives at the federal level including the initiation of the Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) program. The RAC program was created to review Medicare claims for medical necessity and coding appropriateness. The RACs have the authority to pursue improper payments with a three year look back from the date the claim was paid. Compliance with such laws and regulations can be subject to future government review and interpretation, as well as significant regulatory action including fines, penalties and exclusion from the Medicare program.

Medicaid

Inpatient acute care services rendered to Medicaid program beneficiaries are paid at a prospectively determined rate per discharge. These rates vary according to a patient classification system that is based on clinical, diagnostic and other factors. Outpatient services rendered to the Medicaid program beneficiaries are reimbursed under a cost reimbursement methodology.

The System is reimbursed at a tentative rate with final settlement determined after submission of annual cost reports by the System and audits thereof by the Medicaid fiscal intermediary. The System's Medicaid cost reports have been audited by the Medicaid fiscal intermediary through 2018 for both Houston Healthcare – Warner Robins and Houston Healthcare – Perry.

Revenue from the Medicaid program accounted for approximately 5% and 11% of the System's net patient service revenue for 2024 and 2023, respectively. Laws and regulations governing the Medicaid program are extremely complex and subject to interpretation. As a result, there is at least a reasonable possibility that recorded estimates will change by a material amount in the near term. Estimated reimbursement amounts are adjusted in subsequent periods as cost reports are prepared and filed and as final settlements are determined.

The System also contracts with certain managed care organizations to receive reimbursement for providing services to selected enrolled Medicaid beneficiaries. Payment arrangements with these managed care organizations consist primarily of prospectively determined rates per discharge, discounts from established charges or prospectively determined per diems.

The System believes that it is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations and is not aware of any pending or threatened investigations involving allegations of potential wrongdoing. However, there has been an increase in regulatory initiatives at the state level including the initiation of the Medicaid Integrity Contractor (MIC) program. This program was created to review Medicaid claims for medical necessity and coding appropriateness. Compliance with such laws and regulations can be subject to future government review and interpretation, as well as significant regulatory action including fines, penalties and exclusion from the Medicaid program.

During 2010, the State of Georgia (the State) enacted legislation known as the Provider Payment Agreement Act (the Act) whereby hospitals in the State are assessed a "provider payment" in the amount of 1.45% of their net patient service revenue. The Act became effective July 1, 2010, the beginning of the State fiscal year 2011. The provider payments are due on a quarterly basis to

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the State's Department of Community Health. The payments are to be used for the sole purpose of obtaining federal financial participation for medical assistance payments to providers on behalf of Medicaid recipients. The provider payment results in an increase in payments for Medicaid services to hospitals of approximately 11.88%. Approximately \$3,744 and \$3,603 of provider payments relating to the Act are included in other expense in the accompanying combined statements of operations and changes in net assets for years 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Medicaid Upper Payment Limit

The Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 (BIPA) provides for enhanced payments to Medicaid providers under the Upper Payment Limit (UPL) methodology. Subsequent to the implementation of the UPL methodology, federal budget concerns have led to reconsideration of the BIPA legislation with possible elimination or reduction of enhanced Medicaid payments. Legislation has been enacted to reduce the level of UPL payments. These reductions are anticipated to remain in effect in future periods. Net patient service revenue includes enhanced payments for December 31, 2024 and 2023, of approximately \$1,484 and \$2,675, respectively.

Georgia STRONG Program

During 2023, the System began participating in a new Georgia Department of Community Health state directed program for Strengthening The Reinvestment Of a Necessary-workforce in Georgia (Georgia Strong). The Georgia Strong program is for the eligible teaching hospitals and allows for increased Medicaid funding to focus on stabilization, development and diversification of the healthcare workforce, leading to improved health outcomes for Medicaid members. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the System recognized supplemental payments of \$20,071 and \$21,605, respectively. These payments help cover the additional costs associated with treating the Medicaid population in the System's service area and reflected in net patient service revenue in the accompanying combined statements of operations and changes in net assets.

Other Agreements

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

The System recognizes patient service revenue associated with services provided to patients who have third-party coverage on the basis of contractual rates for the services rendered. For uninsured patients that do not qualify for charity care, the System recognizes revenue on the basis of its standard rates for services provided (or on the basis of discounted rates, if negotiated or provided by policy). On the basis of historical experience, a significant portion of the System's uninsured patients will be unable or unwilling to pay for the services provided. Therefore, the System records an implicit price concession equal to the estimated uncollectible portion of the charges related to uninsured patients in the period the services are provided.

(dollars in thousands)

The System's net patient revenues during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, have been presented in the following table based on an allocation of the estimated transaction price with the patient between the primary patient classification and insurance coverage:

	 2024		2023
Medicare	\$ 134,791	\$	116,952
Medicaid	15,794		29,680
Other third-party payors	128,907		146,283
Self-pay	 40,580		5,956
Total	\$ 320,072	\$	298,871

Patient Accounts Receivable

Patient accounts receivable are recorded at net realizable value based on certain assumptions determined by each payor. For Medicare, Medicaid and other third-party payors, the net realizable value is based on the estimated contractual reimbursement percentage, which is based on current contract prices or historical paid claims data by payor. For self-pay accounts receivable, which includes patients who are uninsured and the patient responsibility portion for patients with insurance, the net realizable value is determined using estimates of historical collection experience. These estimates are adjusted for estimated conversions of patient responsibility portions, expected recoveries and any anticipated changes in trends. Patient accounts receivable can be impacted by the effectiveness of the System's collection efforts. Additionally, significant changes in payor mix, business office operations, economic conditions or trends in federal and state governmental healthcare coverage could affect the net realizable value of accounts receivable. The System also continually reviews the net realizable value of accounts receivable by monitoring historical cash collections as a percentage of trailing net patient revenues, as well as by analyzing current period net revenue and admissions by payor classification, aged accounts receivable by payor, days revenue outstanding and the composition of self-pay receivables between pure self-pay patients and the patient responsibility portion of third-party insured receivables.

Charity Care

In the ordinary course of business, the System renders services to patients who are financially unable to pay for hospital care. The System's policy is not to pursue collections for such amounts; therefore, the related charges for those patients who are financially unable to pay and otherwise do not qualify for reimbursement from a governmental program are not reported in net operating revenues and are, therefore, classified as charity care. The System determines amounts that qualify for charity care primarily based on the patient's household income relative to the federal poverty level guidelines, as established by the federal government. These charity care services are estimated to be \$31,560 and \$30,746 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, representing the value (at the System's standard charges) of these charity care services that are excluded from net operating revenues. The estimated cost incurred by the System to provide these charity care services to patients who are unable to pay was approximately \$9,138 and \$9,575 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The estimated cost of these charity care services was determined using a ratio of cost to gross charges and applying that ratio to the gross charges associated with providing care to charity patients for the year.

(dollars in thousands)

4. UNCOMPENSATED SERVICES

The System was compensated for services at amounts less than its established rates. The following is a summary of uncompensated services and a reconciliation of gross patient charges to net patient service revenue for 2024 and 2023:

	2024	2023
Gross patient charges	\$ 1,193,012	\$ 1,051,786
Uncompensated services:		
Charity and indigent care	31,560	30,746
Medicare	399,339	342,085
Medicaid	94,731	110,258
Other allowances	347,310	269,826
Total uncompensated care	872,940	752,915
	\$ 320,072	\$ 298,871

5. INVESTMENTS

Assets Limited as to Use

The composition of assets limited as to use at December 31, 2024 and 2023, is set forth in the following table. Investments are stated at fair value.

	_	2024	2023
Internally designated for capital acquisition and other:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,857	\$ 2,002
Mutual funds – fixed income		6,102	8,027
Mutual funds – equities		9,944	10,322
Mutual funds – real estate		2,009	3,945
Government agency obligations		17,951	20,684
U.S. Corporate bonds		20,135	24,103
U.S. Equities		18,896	23,095
International assets – corporate obligations		520	2,071
International assets – equities		6,089	7,304
	\$	83,503	\$ 101,553

The System's investments are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could affect the amounts reported in the accompanying combined financial statements.

(dollars in thousands)

6. CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

The System grants credit without collateral to its patients, most of whom are local residents and are insured under third-party payor agreements. The mix of receivables from patients and third-party payors at December 31, 2024 and 2023, is as follows:

	2024	2023
Medicare	35%	32%
Medicaid	7%	6%
Blue Cross	14%	12%
Other third-party payors	23%	24%
Patients	21%	26%
	100%	100%

At December 31, 2024, the System had deposits at major financial institutions which exceeded the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation limits. Management believes the credit risks related to these deposits are minimal.

7. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

A summary of property and equipment at December 31, 2024 and 2023, is as follows:

	2024		 2023
Land	\$	14,910	\$ 14,910
Land improvements		3,916	3,893
Buildings and improvements		226,885	218,792
Equipment		139,240	128,863
Hardware/software		1,726	
		386,677	366,458
Less accumulated depreciation		248,741	238,034
		137,936	128,424
Construction-in-progress		701	12,612
Property and equipment, net	\$	138,637	\$ 141,036

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, amounted to approximately \$10,797 and \$10,237, respectively.

Contracts of approximately \$12,724 exist for the purchase of various equipment and renovations to facilities. At December 31, 2024, the remaining commitment on these contracts approximated \$701.

(dollars in thousands)

8. LINE OF CREDIT

The System has a revolving line of credit agreement with a financial institution, providing for a maximum borrowing capacity of \$15,000. The line of credit is secured by a first priority interest in certain reserve accounts and initially matured on April 3, 2025. The interest rate is set at 1% below Prime Rate (effective rate at 6.50% as of December 31, 2024). Outstanding balances under the line of credit were \$0 and \$6,411 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Subsequent to year end, the maturity date was extended to June 3, 2026. The line of credit was fully repaid and terminated on July 14, 2025.

9. NET ASSETS

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, net assets without donor-imposed restrictions were as follows:

	2024			2023		
Without donor-imposed restrictions:						
Internally designated for capital acquisition and other	\$	82,726	\$	100,878		
Undesignated		131,833		128,017		
Total net assets without donor-imposed restrictions	\$	214,559	\$	228,895		

10. LIQUIDITY

The following reflects the System's financial assets at December 31, 2024 and 2023, reduced by amounts not available for general use within one year of the combined balance sheets dates because of contractual or internal designations. Amounts not available include amounts set aside by the Board for future capital acquisition and other reserves that could be drawn upon if the Board approves the action.

	 2024	2023
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 23,541	\$ 12,997
Patients accounts receivable, net	24,132	24,858
Estimated third-party payor settlements	-	790
Insurance recoveries, current portion	 2,388	 2,422
	\$ 50,061	\$ 41,067

As part of the System's liquidity management, it has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities and other obligations come due. In addition, the System has a line of credit available, which it can draw upon as a liquidity resource (See Note 8).

(dollars in thousands)

11. PENSION PLAN

Plan Description

The System contributes to a defined benefit pension plan (the Plan) managed by a trustee. All full-time and part-time employees, who regularly worked 32 or more hours per week, were hired prior to May 1, 2009, age 21 or older and with at least one year of service, are eligible to participate in the Plan. Plan participants under the age of 45 as of January 1, 2011, no longer accumulate benefits. System employees who are vested are entitled to an annual benefit payable monthly for life, in an amount equal to 1% of final average earnings up to covered compensation, plus 1.55% of final average earnings in excess of covered compensation, times credited service up to 30 years. Participants are 100% vested after five years of employment. Participants are fully vested at age 65. The System's funding policy is to make the minimum annual contribution required by applicable regulations. Contributions are intended to provide not only for benefits attributed to service to date but also for those expected to be earned in the future.

The measurement date was December 31, 2024 and 2023.

The following table sets forth the Plan's funded status and amounts recognized in the combined financial statements at December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	2024	2023		
Plan assets at fair value at December 31 Projected benefit obligation at December 31	\$ 92,607 90,185	\$	98,153 96,708	
Funded status	\$ 2,422	\$	1,445	
Amounts recognized in the combined balance sheets consist of: Noncurrent assets	\$ 2,422	\$	1,445	
Amounts recognized in net assets without donor- imposed restrictions: Net actuarial loss	\$ 16,268	\$	17,125	

(dollars in thousands)

The following table sets forth the components of net periodic pension cost and other amounts recognized in net assets without donor-imposed restrictions for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	 2024	 2023
Service cost	\$ 120	\$ 425
Interest cost	4,614	5,024
Expected return on Plan assets	(546)	(5,559)
Amortization of net actuarial loss	311	478
Settlement/curtailment expense	 	 1,919
Net periodic cost	 4,499	2,287
Other changes in Plan assets and benefit obligations recognized in net assets without donor imposed restrictions:		
Net actuarial gain	(546)	(5,558)
Amortization of net actuarial loss	 311	(478)
Total recognized in net assets without donor-imposed restrictions	(235)	(6,036)
Total recognized in net periodic benefit cost and net assets without donor imposed restrictions	\$ 4,264	\$ (3,749)

The components of net periodic cost above other than service cost are included in nonoperating revenues (expenses) in the combined statements of operations and changes in net assets.

The System's expected rate of return on Plan assets is determined by the Plan assets' historical long-term investment performance, current asset allocation and estimates of future long-term returns by asset class.

	2024	2023
Weighted-average assumptions used to determine pension benefit obligations:		
Discount rate	5.67%	5.01%
Rate of increase in future compensation levels	2.00%	2.00%
Weighted-average assumptions used to determine net period benefit cost:		
Discount rate	5.01%	5.20%
Expected long-term return on Plan assets	5.70%	5.70%
Rate of increase in future compensation levels	2.00%	2.00%

(dollars in thousands)

The change in projected benefit obligation for the Plan for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, included the following components:

	1	2024	2023		
Projected benefit obligation, beginning of year	\$	96,707	\$	101,619	
Service cost		121		425	
Interest cost		4,614		5,024	
Actuarial (loss) gain		(5,464)		1,827	
Benefits paid		(5,793)		(16,164)	
Liability gain due to curtailment		-		(1,360)	
Special termination benefits				5,336	
Projected benefit obligation, end of year	\$	90,185	\$	96,707	

During 2023, the System offered a "Voluntary Early Retirement Program" to a select group of active participants. This group had the one-time opportunity to receive their accrued pension benefit in the form of a lump sum or annuity. The lump sum was calculated based on the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) applicable interest rates and was paid in December 2023. The December 2023 lump sum payments of approximately \$10,838 exceeded the 2023 service cost plus interest cost, whereby settlement accounting was triggered, and \$1,919 of amounts previously recognized as other changes in net assets were required to be recognized in 2023 pension expense. In addition, there was a curtailment, and the projected benefit obligation decreased \$1,360 for the active participants who accepted the offer of the program. Lastly, the program resulted in special termination benefits that increased the projected benefit obligation by \$5,336, which was also required to be recognized in 2023 pension expense.

The change in fair value of Plan assets for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, included the following components:

	 2024	2023
Plan assets at fair value, beginning of year	\$ 98,152	\$ 104,653
Actual return on assets	248	9,663
Benefits paid	 (5,793)	(16,164)
Plan assets at fair value, end of year	\$ 92,607	\$ 98,152

(dollars in thousands)

Plan Assets

The composition of Plan assets at December 31, 2024 and 2023 is as follows:

	 2024	<u></u> %	 2023	<u></u> %
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,225	1%	\$ 2,444	2%
Mutual funds – fixed income	77,498	84%	81,063	83%
Mutual funds – equities	13,884	15%	14,644	15%
Mutual funds – real estate	-	0%	-	0%
U.S. Equities	-	0%	-	0%
International assets – equities	 _	0%	1	0%
	\$ 92,607	100%	\$ 98,152	100%

The System's investment strategy is to manage the portfolio to preserve principal and liquidity while maximizing the return on the investment portfolio through the full investment of available funds. The portfolio is diversified by investing in multiple types of investment-grade securities. The investment policy requires assets of the Plan to be primarily invested in securities with at least an investment grade rating to minimize interest rate and credit risk. The Plan assets are long-term in nature and are intended to generate returns while preserving capital. The Plan has adopted a liability-hedging portfolio that has a target allocation of 75% - 95% liability-hedging and 5% - 25% return seeking.

Pension assets are invested in equities, fixed income securities and cash and cash equivalents. The allocation between different investment vehicles is determined by the System's investment committee, based on current market conditions, short-term and long-term market outlooks and cash needs for distributions and Plan expenses. Assumptions for expected returns on Plan assets are based on historical performance, long-term market outlook and a diversified investment approach designed to provide steady, consistent returns that minimize market fluctuations. The System utilizes the services of a professional investment advisor in the selection of individual fund managers. The investment advisor tracks the performance of each fund manager and makes recommendations for redistributions, as needed, to comply with targeted allocations or to replace underperforming funds.

The System attempts to mitigate investment risk by rebalancing between investment classes as the System's contributions and monthly benefit payments are made. Although changes in interest rates may affect the fair value of a portion of the investment portfolio and cause unrealized gains and losses, such gains or losses would not be realized unless the investments are sold.

(dollars in thousands)

The fair values of the System's Plan assets at December 31, 2024 and 2023, by asset category (see Note 16) are as follows:

				Fair V	alue M	easuren	nents	
December 31, 2024	Fa	ir Value	Activ	ed Prices in ve Markets Identical Assets Level 1	Ot Obse Inp	ficant her rvable outs rel 2	Unobs Inp	ficant ervable outs vel 3
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,225	\$	1,225	\$	-	\$	-
Mutual funds – fixed income		77,498		77,498		-		-
Mutual funds – equities		13,884		13,884		_		_
Total	\$	92,607	\$	92,607	\$		\$	-
				Fair V	alue M	easuren	nents	
December 31, 2023	Fa	ir Value	Active for	ed Prices in ve Markets Identical Assets Level 1	Ot Obse Inp	ficant her rvable outs rel 2	Unobs Inp	ficant ervable outs vel 3
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,444	\$	2,444	\$	-	\$	-
Mutual funds – fixed income		81,063		81,063		-		-
Mutual funds – equities		44045		44045				
Mataarianas equities		14,645		14,645				

See Note 16 for the methods and assumptions used by the System in estimating the fair value of the above Plan assets.

Estimated Contributions

The System does not plan to contribute to the Plan in 2024.

Estimated Future Benefit Payments

The following benefit payments, which reflect expected future service and decrements as appropriate, are expected to be paid as follows:

For the Years Ending December 31,	ension enefits
2025	\$ 6,522
2026	6,634
2027	6,783
2028	6,949
2029	7,003
2029 – 2033	34.276

(dollars in thousands)

The expected benefits to be paid are based on the same assumptions used to measure the System's benefit obligation at December 31, 2024.

12. DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

The System has a defined contribution retirement plan (the Retirement Plan) covering substantially all employees. The Retirement Plan is a tax-deferred annuity plan under Section 403(b) of the IRC, which allows employee contributions upon employment and at least 1,000 hours of work and allows employer contributions upon attainment of the age of 21 and at least one year of service. Participants may contribute up to 20% of their annual compensation up to a maximum dollar limitation. Employer contributions are made at a matching level of 50% of the participants' annual contribution to the Retirement Plan, up to a maximum of 4% of the employee's annual compensation. The Plan also allows employer discretionary contributions that are payable the following the end of each year. The System made contributions to the Retirement Plan of approximately \$4,264 and \$2,649 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

13. EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN

The System has a self-insurance program under which a third-party administrator processes and pays claims. The System reimburses the third-party administrator for claims incurred and paid and has purchased stop-loss insurance coverage for claims in excess of \$650,000 for each individual employee. Under this self-insurance program, approximately \$20,436 and \$18,795 were paid or accrued during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

14. PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY CLAIMS

The System is covered by a claims-made general and professional liability insurance policy with excess coverage not-to-exceed \$35 million. Self-insured retention related to this policy in 2024 and 2023 was \$2M per occurrence and \$8M in aggregate. The System uses a third-party administrator to review and analyze incidents that may result in a claim against the System. In conjunction with the third-party administrator, incidents are assigned reserve amounts for the ultimate liability that may result from an asserted claim. The System also uses independent actuaries to estimate the ultimate costs, if any, of the settlement of such claims. Long-term accrued professional claims are included in self-insurance reserves, and the current portion is included in other current liabilities in the combined balance sheets and in management's opinion, provide an adequate reserve for loss contingencies.

Various claims and assertions have been made against the System in its normal course of providing services. In addition, other claims may be asserted arising from services provided to patients in the past. In the opinion of management, adequate provision has been made for losses which may occur from such asserted and unasserted claims that are not covered by liability insurance.

(dollars in thousands)

Obligations covered by reinsurance contracts are included in the reserves for professional liability risks, as the System remains liable to the extent the reinsurers do not meet their obligations under the reinsurance contracts. The current amount receivable under the reinsurance contracts include \$2,388 and \$2,332 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, recorded in insurance recoveries, current portion and the long-term portion of \$7,601 and \$7,006, respectively, is recorded in insurance recoveries.

15. FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

The System provides general healthcare services to residents within its geographic location. The following table presents expenses by both their nature and function for the years ended December 31:

			2	2024		2023						
	General Healthcare and Services Administrative Total				Healthcare Services	Total						
Salaries and benefits	\$ 182,936	3	\$	18,750	\$201,686	\$ 182,205	\$	16,323	\$ 198,528			
Supplies and drugs	48,817	7		301	49,118	47,985		247	48,232			
Other expenses	68,296	3		25,012	93,308	68,487		13,584	82,071			
Depreciation and amortization	5,95	1		4,846	10,797	8,235		2,002	10,237			
Interest expense	28	3		88	116			541	541			
Total operating expenses	\$ 306,028	3_	\$	48,997	\$ 355,025	\$ 306,912	\$	32,697	\$339,609			

The combined financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributable to healthcare services as well as general and administrative functions. Therefore, these expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. The expenses that are allocated include utilities, depreciation and amortization and interest expense, all of which are allocated based on a square footage basis, as well as certain employee benefits, which are allocated based on salaries.

16. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The System's assets and liabilities recorded at fair value or for which fair value is required to be disclosed have been categorized based upon a fair value hierarchy in accordance with accounting standards which require that assets and liabilities carried at fair value be classified and disclosed in one of the following three categories:

- Level 1 Observable quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 Observable inputs other than Level 1, such as quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability.
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

(dollars in thousands)

The following methods and assumptions were used by the System in estimating the fair value of its financial instruments:

- Cash and cash equivalents, accounts payable, accrued expenses and estimated third-party payor settlements: The carrying amount reported in the combined balance sheets approximates its fair value, due to the short-term nature of these instruments.
- Assets limited as to use: Fair values, which are the amounts reported in the combined balance sheets, are based on quoted market prices, if available, or estimated using quoted market prices for similar securities.

Financial assets valued using Level 1 inputs are based on unadjusted quoted market prices within active markets. Financial assets valued using Level 2 inputs are based primarily on quoted prices for similar investments in active or inactive markets. Valuation techniques utilized to determine fair value are consistently applied. All assets have been valued using a market approach.

- Government agency obligations: Level 2 assets are valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs for similar securities.
- *U.S. Corporate bonds:* Level 2 assets are valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs for similar securities. This includes basing values on yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings. The corporate bonds contain credit ratings of A3 to AAA.

The estimated fair values of the System's investments at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the level within the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

			Fair Value Measurements								
December 31, 2024	<u>Fa</u>	ir Value	Ac	oted Prices in tive Markets or Identical Assets Level 1		ignificant Other bservable Inputs Level 2	Und	ignificant observable Inputs Level 3			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,857	\$	1,857	\$	-	\$	-			
Mutual funds – fixed income		6,102		6,102		-		-			
Mutual funds – equities		9,944		9,944		-		-			
Mutual funds – real estate		2,009		2,009		-		-			
Government agency obligations		17,951		-		17,951		-			
U.S. Corporate bonds		20,135		-		20,135		-			
U.S. Equities		18,896		18,896		-		-			
International assets – corporate obligations		520		-		520		-			
International assets – equities		6,089		6,089							
Total	\$	83,503	\$	44,897	\$	38,606	\$				

(dollars in thousands)

			Fair Value Measurements							
December 31, 2023		air Value		Activ for l A	d Prices in e Markets dentical ssets evel 1	Ob	gnificant Other servable Inputs Level 2	Uno	gnificant bservable Inputs Level 3	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,436		\$	2,436	\$	-	\$	-	
Mutual funds – fixed income		8,027			8,027		-		-	
Mutual funds – equities		10,322			10,322		-		-	
Mutual funds – real estate		3,945			3,945		-		-	
Government agency obligations		20,250			-		20,250		-	
U.S. Corporate bonds		24,103			-		24,103		-	
U.S. Equities		23,095			23,095		-		-	
International assets – corporate obligations		2,071			-		2,071		-	
International assets – equities		7,304			7,304					
Total	\$	101,553		\$	55,129	\$	46,424	\$		

17. LEASES

The System leases certain property, buildings and equipment under operating leases expiring through July 2027. Leases with greater than 12 months are recorded with the related right-of-use assets and operating lease liabilities.

The following summarizes the weighted average remaining lease term and discount rate as of December 31, 2024:

Weighted Average Remaining Lease Term	16.34 years
Weighted Average Discount Rate	5.00%

Future maturities of lease liabilities as of December 31, 2024, were as follows:

For the Years Ending December 31,

2025 2026 2027 2028	\$ 1,096 669 473 429
2029 Thereafter	441 7,600
Less interest	10,708 3,682
Present value of lease liabilities	\$ 7,026

(dollars in thousands)

For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the operating lease expenses included in the combined statements of operations and changes in net assets in other expenses were \$1,318 and \$862, respectively.

18. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Compliance Plan

The healthcare industry has recently been subjected to increased scrutiny from governmental agencies at both the national and state level with respect to compliance with regulations. Areas of noncompliance identified at the national level include Medicare and Medicaid, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and other regulations governing the healthcare industry. The System has implemented a compliance plan focusing on such issues. There can be no assurance that the System will not be subjected to future investigations with accompanying monetary damages.

Healthcare Reform

In recent years, there has been increasing pressure on Congress and some state legislatures to control and reduce the cost of healthcare on the national or at the state level. In 2010, legislation was enacted which included cost controls on hospitals, insurance market reforms, delivery system reforms and various individual and business mandates among other provisions. The costs of certain provisions will be funded in part by reductions in payments by government programs, including Medicare and Medicaid. There can be no assurance that these changes will not adversely affect the System.

Litigation

The System is involved in litigation and regulatory investigations arising in the normal course of business. After consultation with legal counsel, management estimates that these matters will be resolved without material adverse effect on the System's future financial position or results from operations.

Letter of Credit Agreement

The System has a standby letter of credit issued by a financial institution on behalf of the System in favor of a third party. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the System is contingently liable under the open letter of credit in the amount of \$1,860.

19. EMORY HEALTHCARE DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT

On June 1, 2025, Emory Healthcare, Inc. (EHC) and Houston Healthcare System, Inc. entered into a definitive agreement under which EHC became the sole corporate member of Houston Healthcare System, Inc. The transaction was structured as a membership substitution and did not involve the transfer of assets or assumption of liabilities at the time of closing. As a result of this agreement, EHC obtained governance and oversight rights over Houston Healthcare System, Inc. The assets and liabilities of the System remained with the entities as of the closing date. No consideration was paid or received in connection with this transaction.



ASSETS	Houston Hospitals, Inc (Hospitals)		Houston Healthcare System, Inc.	Houston Healthcare Ventures, Inc.		Houston Primary Care Physicians LLC	-	Houston ASC, LLC	Eliminations	Total
CURRENT ASSETS										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 20,560	\$ 598	\$ 4	\$ 363	\$ 163	\$ 195	\$ 217	\$ 1,441	\$ -	\$ 23,541
Assets limited as to use	777	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	777
Patient accounts receivable, net	23,746	19	-	-	-	(1)	(33)	401	-	24,132
Insurance recoveries, current portion	2,388	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,388
Inventories	4,457	-	-	-	-	-	-	395	-	4,852
Other current assets	4,418	9	_	1	(4,000)		9	140	4,679	5,256
Total current assets	56,346	626	4	364	(3,837)	194	193	2,377	4,679	60,946
ASSETS LIMITED AS TO USE	82,726	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82,726
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET	111,665	868	-	-	25,576	36	354	138	-	138,637
PENSION ASSET	2,422	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,422
OTHER ASSETS										-
Operating lease right-of-use assets, net	6,875	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,875
Investments in unconsolidated entities	1,957	-	(2,966)	652	-	-	-	-	3,891	3,534
Insurance recoveries	7,601			_		_		-		7,601
Total other assets	16,433		(2,966)	652					3,891	18,010
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 269,592	\$ 1,494	(2,962)	\$ 1,016	\$ 21,739	\$ 230	\$ 547	\$ 2,515	\$ 8,570	\$ 302,741

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	Houston Hospitals, Inc (Hospitals)		Houston Healthcare System, Inc	•		Houston Primary Care Physicians LLC	-	Houston ASC, LLC	Eliminations	Total
CURRENT LIABILITIES										
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 9,642	\$ 15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31	\$ 97	\$ 1,882	\$ (159)	\$ 4,679	\$ 16,187
Accrued compensation and benefits	24,616	-	-	-	-	362	747	39	-	25,764
Estimated third-party payor settlements	14,267	-	-	-	-	17	262	-	-	14,546
Operating lease liabilities, current portion	769	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	769
Other current liabilities	5,823									5,823
Total current liabilities	55,117	15			31	476	2,891	(120)	4,679	63,089
LINE OF CREDIT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OPERATING LEASE LIABILITIES, LESS CURRENT PORTION	6,257 6,257	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,257
SELF-INSURANCE RESERVES	18,836									18,836
TOTAL LIABILITIES	80,210	15			31	476	2,891	(120)	4,679	88,182
NET ASSETS (DEFICITS) Without donor-imposed restrictions	189,382	1,479	(2,962)	1,016	21,708	(246)	(2,344)	2,635	3,891	- 214,559
Total net assets (deficits)	189,382	1,479	(2,962)	1,016	21,708	(246)	(2,344)	2,635	3,891	214,559
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 269,592	\$ 1,494	(2,962)	\$ 1,016	\$ 21,739	\$ 230	\$ 547	\$ 2,515	\$ 8,570	\$ 302,741

ASSETS	Houston Hospitals, Inc. (Hospitals)		Houston Healthcare System, Inc	•	Houston Healthcare Properties, Inc.	. ,	Houston Physician Specialties LLC	Houston ASC, LLC	Eliminations	Total
CURRENT ASSETS										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,853	\$ 296	\$ 4	\$ 873	\$ 225	\$ 139	\$ 367	\$ 1,240	\$ -	\$ 12,997
Assets limited as to use	675	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	675
Patient accounts receivable, net	23,934	118	-	-	-	-	(33,000)	839	-	24,858
Estimated third-party payor settlements	790	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	790
Insurance recoveries, current portion	2,422	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,422
Inventories	4,285	-	-	-	-	-	-	336	-	4,621
Other current assets	6,789	-		2,500	_			44	(3,498)	5,835
Total current assets	48,748	414	4	3,373	225	139	334	2,459	(3,498)	52,198
ASSETS LIMITED AS TO USE	100,878	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,878
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET	112,321	1,060	-	-	27,009	44	470	132	-	141,036
PENSION ASSET	1,445	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,445
OTHER ASSETS										-
Operating lease right-of-use assets, net	7,824	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,824
Investments in unconsolidated entities	4,786	-	2,049	652	-	-	-	-	(3,891)	3,596
Insurance recoveries	7,006		<u> </u>	_						7,006
Total other assets	19,616		2,049	652					(3,891)	18,426
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 283,008	\$ 1,474	\$ 2,053	\$ 4,025	\$ 27,234	\$ 183	\$ 804	\$ 2,591	\$ (7,389)	\$313,983

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	Houston Hospitals, Inc. (Hospitals)		Houston Healthcare System, Inc.	Houston Healthcare Ventures, Inc.	Houston Healthcare Properties, Inc.	Houston Primary Care Physicians LLC	Houston Physician Specialties LLC	Houston ASC, LLC	Eliminations	Total
CURRENT LIABILITIES										
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 14,698	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23	\$ 15	\$ 28	\$ 1,226	\$ (3,498)	\$ 12,492
Accrued compensation and benefits	20,160	260	-	-	14	592	1,040	201	-	22,267
Estimated third-party payor settlements	6,486	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,486
Operating lease liabilities, current portion	830	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	830
Other current liabilities	5,676									5,676
Total current liabilities	47,850	260			37	607	1,068	1,427	(3,498)	47,751
LINE OF CREDIT	6,411	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,411
OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITY	6,523									6,523
OPERATING LEASE LIABILITIES, LESS CURRENT PORTION	7,025	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,025
SELF-INSURANCE RESERVES	17,378									17,378
TOTAL LIABILITIES	85,187	260			37	607	1,068	1,427	(3,498)	85,088
NET ASSETS (DEFICITS) Without donor-imposed restrictions	197,821	1,214	2,053	4,025	27,197	(424)	(264)	1,164	(3,891)	228,895
Total net assets (deficits)	197,821	1,214	2,053	4,025	27,197	(424)	(264)	1,164	(3,891)	228,895
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 283,008	\$ 1,474	\$ 2,053	\$ 4,025	\$ 27,234	\$ 183	\$ 804	\$ 2,591	\$ (7,389)	\$313,983

HOUSTON HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, INC. COMBINING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

(in thousands)

	Houston Hospitals, Inc. (Hospitals)	Houston Healthcare EMS, Inc.	Houston Healthcare System, Inc.	Houston Healthcare Ventures, Inc.	Houston Healthcare Properties, Inc.	Houston Primary Care Physicians, LLC	Houston Physician Specialties, LLC	Houston ASC, LLC	Eliminations	Total
OPERATING REVENUES Net patient service revenue	\$ 290,548	\$ 6,613	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,387	\$ 12,286	\$ 7,238	\$ -	\$ 320,072
Other revenue	4,169	5	Ψ - -	<u>-</u>	(286)	(4,626)	11	Ψ 1,230 -	6,260	5,533
Total operating revenues	294,717	6,618			(286)	(1,239)	12,297	7,238	6,260	325,605
OPERATING EXPENSES Salaries and benefits Supplies and drugs Other expenses Depreciation and amortization Interest expense Overhead allocation	166,308 46,991 78,817 9,019 116 (2,063)	5,089 192 1,449 319 - 499	- - 2 - -	- 152 - -	429 - 288 1,323 - 164	9,598 116 1,340 8 - 852	17,760 377 3,320 118 - 548	2,502 1,442 1,675 10	6,265 - - -	201,686 49,118 93,308 10,797 116
Total operating expenses	299,188	7,548	2	152	2,204	11,914	22,123	5,629	6,265	355,025
OPERATING (LOSS) GAIN	(4,471)	(930)	(2)	(152,000)	(2,490)	(13,153)	(9,826)	1,609	(5)	(29,420)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES) Investment income Other components of net periodic pension costs Net realized gains on sales of securities Net unrealized loss on securities Other nonoperating expenses Noncapital grants, contributions, and other	2,569 - 2,881 546 4,729 241	- - - -	- - (92) - -	994 - -	- - - -	- - 68 - -	2 - 8 -	- - - -	- - - - -	2,571 - 3,859 546 4,729 241
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	10,966		(92)	994		68	10			11,946
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	6,495	(930)	(94)	842	(2,490)	(13,085)	(9,816)	1,609	(5)	(17,474)
Changes in pension assets and benefit obligations not included in net periodic pension costs Changes in intercompany	857 (15,791)	- 1,195	- (4,921)	- (3,851)	(2,999)	13,263	7,736	- (138)	7,787	857 2,281
(DECREASE) INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR-IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS	(8,439)	265	(5,015)	(3,009)	(5,489)	178	(2,080)	1,471	7,782	(14,336)
NET ASSETS (DEFICITS) AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	197,821	1,214	2,053	4,025	27,197	(424)	(264)	1,164	(3,891)	228,895
NET ASSETS (DEFICITS) AT END OF YEAR	\$ 189,382	\$ 1,479	\$ (2,962)	\$ 1,016	\$ 21,708	\$ (246)	\$ (2,344)	\$ 2,635	\$ 3,891	\$ 214,559

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HOUSTON HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, INC. COMBINING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

(in thousands)

	Houston Hospitals, Inc. (Hospitals)	Houston Healthcare EMS, Inc.	Houston Healthcare System, Inc.	Houston Healthcare Ventures, Inc.	Houston Healthcare Properties, Inc.	Houston Primary Care Physicians, LLC	Houston Physician Specialties, LLC	Houston ASC, LLC	Eliminations	Total
OPERATING REVENUES										
Net patient service revenue	\$ 275,408	\$ 6,108	•	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,444	\$ 8,560	\$ 6,351	\$ -	\$ 298,871
Other revenue	3,982	65	<u> </u>		1,708	4,587	2		(6,189)	4,155
Total operating revenues	279,390	6,173			1,708	7,031	8,562	6,351	(6,189)	303,026
OPERATING EXPENSES										-
Salaries and benefits	166,459	5,354	-	-	463	8,955	14,874	2,423	-	198,528
Supplies and drugs	46,035	225		-	-	146	522	1,304	-	48,232
Other expenses	79,494	1,804		-	378	1,109	2,278	3,196	(6,188)	82,071
Depreciation and amortization	8,552	248	-	-	1,306	9	116	6	-	10,237
Interest expense	541	-	-	-	=	-	-	-	-	541
Overhead allocation	(2,234)	579			90	1,013	552			
Total operating expenses	298,847	8,210			2,237	11,232	18,342	6,929	(6,188)	339,609
OPERATING LOSS	(19,457)	(2,037			(529)	(4,201)	(9,780)	(578)	(1)	(36,583)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES) Investment income Other components of net periodic pension costs Net realized gains on sales of securities Noncapital grants, contributions and other	2,890 58 757 4	- - -	- - - -	- - 273 -	- -	- -	- - -	- - - -	- - - -	2,890 58 1,030 4
Total nonoperating revenues	5,258	-	-	273	-	-	-	-	-	5,531
EXCESS OF REVENUES (UNDER) OVER EXPENSES	(14,199)	(2,037		273	(529)	(4,201)	(9,780)	(578)	(1)	(31,052)
Changes in pension assets and benefit obligations not included in net periodic pension costs Changes in intercompany	6,035 (16,585)	2,485	(2)	37	720	4,087	9,252	5	1	6,035
(DECREASE) INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR-IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS	(24,749)	448	(2)	310	191	(114)	(528)	(573)	-	- (25,017)
NET ASSETS (DEFICITS) AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	222,570	766	2,055	3,715	27,006	(310)	264	1,737	(3,891)	253,912
NET ASSETS (DEFICITS) AT END OF YEAR	\$ 197,821	\$ 1,214	\$ 2,053	\$ 4,025	\$ 27,197	\$ (424)	\$ (264)	\$ 1,164	\$ (3,891)	\$ 228,895

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