

ASCENSION

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022
With Reports of Independent Auditors

Ascension
Consolidated Financial Statements
and Supplementary Information
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Report of Independent Auditors

The Board of Directors
Ascension Health Alliance d/b/a Ascension

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Ascension Health Alliance d/b/a Ascension (the System), which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the related consolidated statements of operations and changes in net assets, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the “financial statements”).

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the System at June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the results of its operations and changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the System 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 the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the System’s ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor’s 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 GAAS 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 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 financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the 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 the System’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 financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the System’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.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for Ascension but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Ernst + Young LLP

September 13, 2023

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Consolidated Balance Sheets (Dollars in Thousands)

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,013,225	\$ 747,084
Short-term investments	60,793	70,284
Accounts receivable	3,270,862	3,435,376
Inventories	487,104	511,064
Due from brokers <i>(see Notes 5 and 6)</i>	136,646	142,075
Estimated third-party payor settlements	195,549	219,544
Other	1,306,215	940,170
Total current assets	6,470,394	6,065,597
Long-term investments <i>(see Notes 5 and 6)</i>	19,417,590	22,058,171
Property and equipment, net	9,942,027	11,424,061
Other assets:		
Right-of-use assets - leases	1,277,833	1,323,258
Investment in unconsolidated entities	1,325,565	1,309,662
Capitalized software costs, net	576,829	500,547
Other	1,447,951	1,394,484
Total other assets	4,628,178	4,527,951
Total assets	\$40,458,189	\$ 44,075,780

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Consolidated Balance Sheets (Dollars in Thousands)

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Liabilities and net assets		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 121,541	\$ 91,618
Long-term debt subject to short-term remarketing arrangements*	471,425	774,630
Current portion of lease obligations	269,663	265,528
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,031,199	3,323,858
Estimated third-party payor settlements	552,459	752,532
Due to brokers (see Notes 5 and 6)	108,443	75,789
Current portion of self-insurance liabilities	537,763	307,762
Current portion of Medicare advanced payments	-	522,045
Other	441,731	613,416
Total current liabilities	5,534,224	6,727,178
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Long-term debt (senior and subordinated)	6,322,992	6,409,810
Lease obligations, less current portion	1,047,358	1,093,735
Self-insurance liabilities	934,516	824,552
Pension and other postretirement liabilities	436,952	562,609
Other	1,362,107	1,332,350
Total noncurrent liabilities	10,103,925	10,223,056
Total liabilities	15,638,149	16,950,234
Net assets:		
Without donor restrictions:		
Controlling interest	21,391,080	24,067,446
Noncontrolling interests	2,656,133	2,307,734
Total net assets without donor restrictions	24,047,213	26,375,180
Net assets with donor restrictions	772,827	750,366
Total net assets	24,820,040	27,125,546
Total liabilities and net assets	\$40,458,189	\$ 44,075,780

*Consists of variable rate demand bonds with put options that may be exercised at the option of the bondholders, with stated repayment installments through 2047, as well as certain serial mode bonds with scheduled remarketing/mandatory tender dates occurring prior to June 30, 2024. In the event that bonds are not remarketed upon the exercise of put options for the variable bonds or scheduled mandatory tender bonds, management would utilize other sources to access the necessary liquidity. Potential sources include a drawdown on the System's line of credit, issuing commercial paper, and liquidating investments.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statements of Operations and Changes in Net Assets *(Dollars in Thousands)*

	The years ended June 30,	
	2023	2022
Operating revenue:		
Net patient service revenue	\$ 25,647,921	\$ 25,199,425
Other revenue	2,699,847	2,776,026
Total operating revenue	28,347,768	27,975,451
Operating expenses:		
Salaries and wages	11,792,351	12,089,870
Employee benefits	2,457,733	2,352,877
Purchased services	3,792,039	3,276,175
Professional fees	1,519,295	1,405,126
Supplies	4,059,567	4,141,532
Insurance	652,278	354,761
Interest	231,121	224,241
Provider tax	850,567	701,999
Depreciation and amortization	1,295,479	1,332,369
Other	3,295,974	2,895,368
Total operating expenses	29,946,404	28,774,318
Income (loss) from operations before self-insurance trust fund investment return, impairment and nonrecurring gains (losses), net	(1,598,636)	(798,867)
Self-insurance trust fund investment return	50,042	(106,374)
Income (loss) from recurring operations	(1,548,594)	(905,241)
Impairment and nonrecurring gains (losses), net	(1,495,439)	26,043
Income (loss) from operations	(3,044,033)	(879,198)
Nonoperating gains (losses):		
Investment return, net	422,837	(1,219,251)
Other	83,278	194,747
Total nonoperating gains (losses), net	506,115	(1,024,504)
Excess (deficit) of revenues and gains over expenses and losses	(2,537,918)	(1,903,702)
Less noncontrolling interests	122,123	(59,956)
Excess (deficit) of revenues and gains over expenses and losses attributable to controlling interest	(2,660,041)	(1,843,746)

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Consolidated Statements of Operations and Changes in Net Assets *(Dollars in Thousands)*

	The years ended June 30,	
	2023	2022
Net assets without donor restrictions, controlling interest:		
Excess (deficit) of revenues and gains over expenses and losses	\$ (2,660,041)	\$ (1,843,746)
Transfers (to) from sponsors and other affiliates, net	(39,157)	(393)
Net assets released from restrictions for property acquisitions	35,322	42,548
Pension and other postretirement liability adjustments	4,933	195,161
Change in unconsolidated entities' net assets	(44,095)	(38,492)
Other	26,672	6,731
Increase (decrease) in net assets without donor restrictions, controlling interest	(2,676,366)	(1,638,191)
Net assets without donor restrictions, noncontrolling interest:		
Excess (deficit) of revenues and gains over expenses and losses	122,123	(59,956)
Net contributions (distributions) of capital	222,592	(342,042)
Other	3,684	(17,104)
Increase (decrease) in net assets without donor restrictions, noncontrolling interest	348,399	(419,102)
Net assets with donor restrictions:		
Contributions and grants	109,450	112,444
Investment return	4,959	(15,767)
Net assets released from restrictions	(89,178)	(80,460)
Divestiture	-	(92,623)
Other	(2,770)	(16,970)
Increase (decrease) in net assets with donor restrictions	22,461	(93,376)
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(2,305,506)	(2,150,669)
Net assets, beginning of year	27,125,546	29,276,215
Net assets, end of year	\$ 24,820,040	\$ 27,125,546

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Dollars in Thousands)

	The years ended June 30,	
	2023	2022
Operating activities		
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$ (2,305,506)	\$ (2,150,669)
Adjustments to reconcile increase (decrease) in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	1,295,479	1,332,369
Amortization of bond premiums, discounts, and debt issuance costs	(30,004)	(33,492)
Pension and other postretirement liability adjustments	(4,933)	(195,161)
Unrealized losses (gains) on unrestricted investments, net	(328,129)	2,741,108
Change in fair value of interest rate swaps	(30,610)	(66,146)
Change in equity of unconsolidated entities	(189,495)	(194,187)
Gain on sale of assets, net	(364,085)	(407,790)
Impairment and nonrecurring expenses	1,496,212	3,344
Transfers to (from) sponsor and other affiliates, net	39,157	393
Donor restricted contributions, investment return and other	(60,553)	(58,766)
Distributions (contributions) of noncontrolling interest, net	(222,592)	342,042
Other	4,919	4,718
(Increase) decrease in:		
Short-term investments	9,491	26,938
Accounts receivable	115,782	(180,076)
Inventories and other current assets	(120,832)	(67,359)
Due from brokers	5,429	(44,850)
Long-term investments	2,948,888	2,326,500
Other assets	(55,272)	68,227
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(242,486)	270,585
Estimated third-party payor settlements, net	(176,078)	(15,874)
Due to brokers	32,654	(143,714)
Medicare advanced payments	(522,045)	(1,263,063)
Other current liabilities	(211,252)	(44,692)
Self-insurance liabilities	339,965	57,311
Other noncurrent liabilities	(57,966)	(547,508)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>1,366,138</u>	<u>1,760,188</u>

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Dollars in Thousands)

	The years ended June 30,	
	2023	2022
Investing activities		
Property, equipment, and capitalized software additions, net	\$ (1,645,030)	\$ (1,674,818)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	18,967	12,626
Distributions from unconsolidated entities, net	159,240	204,897
Net proceeds from sale/acquisition of other assets	435,213	300,332
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>(1,031,610)</u>	<u>(1,156,963)</u>
Financing activities		
Issuance of debt	263,631	6,274
Repayment of debt, including financing lease obligations	(594,773)	(241,311)
Decrease (increase) in assets under bond agreements	38	1,020
Transfers (to) from sponsors and other affiliates, net	(39,157)	(393)
Donor restricted contributions, investment return, and other	60,553	58,766
(Distributions) contributions of noncontrolling interest, net	222,592	(342,042)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>(87,116)</u>	<u>(517,686)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash	247,412	85,539
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at beginning of year	813,452	727,913
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at end of year	<u>\$ 1,060,864</u>	<u>\$ 813,452</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,013,225	\$ 747,084
Restricted cash, included in long-term investments	47,639	66,368
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at end of year	<u>\$ 1,060,864</u>	<u>\$ 813,452</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Dollars in Thousands)

1. Organization and Mission

Organizational Structure

Ascension Health Alliance, d/b/a Ascension (Ascension), is a Missouri nonprofit corporation formed on September 13, 2011. Ascension is a Catholic national health system consisting primarily of nonprofit corporations that own and operate local healthcare facilities, or Ministry Markets, located in 19 states and the District of Columbia. Ascension also serves as the direct or indirect member or shareholder of various subsidiaries including, but not limited to:

- Ascension Care Management
- Ascension Risk Services
- Ascension Foundation
- Ascension Global Mission
- Ascension Healthcare
- Ascension Holdings
- Ascension Leadership Academy
- Ascension Technologies
- Ascension Capital
 - o Ascension Investment Management (AIM)
 - o Ascension Ventures (AV)
 - o AV Holding Company
- The Resource Group
- SmartHealth Solutions

Ascension is also the majority investor in Ascension Alpha Fund, LLC (Alpha Fund), a limited liability company organized in the state of Delaware, as well as the majority limited partner of various venture capital funds (the Venture Funds), as further discussed in the Investment Funds note. The Alpha Fund and the Venture Funds are collectively referred to as Investment Funds. Ascension and its member organizations are hereafter referred to collectively as the System.

Sponsorship

Ascension is sponsored by the Ascension Sponsor, a Public Juridic Person. The Participating Entities of the Ascension Sponsor include the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise Province; the Congregation of St. Joseph; the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet; the Congregation of Alexian Brothers of the Immaculate Conception Province, Inc. – American Province; and the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother of the Third Order of St. Francis of Assisi – US/Caribbean Province.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

1. Organization and Mission (continued)

Mission

The System directs its governance and management activities toward strong, vibrant, Catholic Ministries united in service and healing, and dedicates its resources to spiritually centered care which sustains and improves the health of the individuals and communities it serves. In accordance with the System's mission of service to those persons living in poverty and other vulnerable persons, each Ministry Market accepts patients regardless of their ability to pay. The System uses four categories to identify the resources utilized for the care of persons living in poverty and community benefit programs:

- Traditional charity care includes the cost of services provided to persons who cannot afford healthcare because of inadequate resources and/or who are uninsured or underinsured.
- Unpaid cost of public programs, excluding Medicare, represents the unpaid cost of services provided to persons covered by public programs for persons living in poverty and other vulnerable persons.
- Cost of other programs for persons living in poverty and other persons who are vulnerable.
- Unreimbursed costs of community benefit programs and services for the broader community, not solely for the persons living in poverty, including health promotion and education, health clinics and screenings, and medical research.

Discounts are provided to all uninsured and underinsured patients, including those with the means to pay. Discounts provided to patients who did not qualify for financial assistance are not included in the cost of providing care for persons living in poverty and other community benefit programs. Traditional charity care and the unpaid cost of public programs are calculated based on a cost to charge ratio methodology.

The amount of traditional charity care provided, determined on the basis of cost, was \$517,090 and \$547,099 for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The amount of unpaid cost of public programs, cost of other programs for persons living in poverty and other vulnerable persons, and community benefit cost is reported in the accompanying supplementary information.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) *(Dollars in Thousands)*

2. Significant Accounting Policies

Principles of Consolidation

The System consolidates all entities for which operating control is exercised by the System or one of its member entities, and all significant inter-entity transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Excluding investments where the fair value option is elected, investments in entities where the System does not have operating control are recorded under the equity method of accounting, and results of operations are included in other operating revenue.

Use of Estimates

Management has made estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of certain assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Carrying values of financial instruments classified as current assets and current liabilities approximate fair value. The fair values of financial instruments measured at fair value are disclosed in the Fair Value Measurements note.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and interest-bearing deposits with original maturities of three months or less.

Short-Term Investments

Short-term investments consist of investments with original maturities exceeding three months and up to one year.

Inventories

Inventories, consisting primarily of medical supplies and pharmaceuticals, are stated at the lower of cost or market value using first-in, first-out (FIFO) or a methodology that closely approximates FIFO.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) *(Dollars in Thousands)*

2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Long-Term Investments and Investment Return

Long-term investments are primarily comprised of the Investment Funds, which are consolidated by the System. The System's investments, including the Investment Funds, are measured at fair value or net asset value. Further information about long-term investments and investment return are discussed in the Investment Funds, Cash and Investments, and Fair Value Measurements notes.

Long-term investments include assets limited as to use of \$1,647,986 and \$1,492,774 at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Assets limited as to use are primarily investments with donor restrictions, including restricted cash and cash equivalents, and assets placed in trust or held by captive insurance companies for the payment of self-insured claims.

Purchases and sales of investments are accounted for on a trade-date basis. Investment returns consist of dividends, interest, and gains and losses. The cost of substantially all securities sold is based on the FIFO method. Investment returns, excluding returns of self-insurance trust funds and restricted investment returns, are reported as nonoperating gains (losses) in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Changes in Net Assets. Investment returns of self-insurance trust funds are reported as a separate component of income from operations in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Changes in Net Assets.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost or, if donated, at fair market value at the date of the gift. Depreciation is determined on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. The range of estimated useful lives used in computing depreciation is as follows: buildings and leasehold improvements, 2 to 40 years; and equipment, 2 to 20 years. Depreciation expense for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 was approximately \$1,107,000 and \$1,116,000, respectively.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

A summary of property and equipment is as follows:

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Land and improvements	\$ 1,491,219	\$ 1,458,294
Buildings and equipment	20,950,390	22,143,058
	22,441,609	23,601,352
Less accumulated depreciation	13,057,675	13,105,544
	9,383,934	10,495,808
Construction in progress	558,093	928,253
Total property and equipment, net	\$ 9,942,027	\$ 11,424,061

Several capital projects have remaining construction and related equipment purchase commitments of approximately \$926,000 as of June 30, 2023.

Intangible Assets

Intangible assets primarily consist of goodwill and capitalized computer software costs, including internally developed software. Costs incurred in the development and installation of internal use software are expensed or capitalized depending on whether they are incurred in the preliminary project stage, application development stage, or post-implementation stage, and the nature of the costs. Intangible assets are included in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as presented in the table that follows.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Capitalized software costs in the following table include software in progress of \$191,912 and \$129,165 at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively:

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Capitalized software costs	\$ 2,787,856	\$ 2,619,142
Less accumulated amortization	2,211,027	2,118,595
Capitalized software costs, net	576,829	500,547
Goodwill	525,220	497,503
Other, net	42,883	45,072
Intangible assets included in other assets	568,103	542,575
Total intangible assets, net	\$ 1,144,932	\$ 1,043,122

Intangible assets whose lives are indefinite, primarily goodwill, are not amortized and are evaluated for impairment at least annually or when circumstances indicate a possible impairment may exist. Intangible assets with definite lives, primarily capitalized computer software costs, are amortized on a straight line basis over their expected useful lives. Amortization expense for these intangible assets was approximately \$189,000 and \$217,000 for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 respectively.

Estimated future amortization of intangible assets with definite lives, excluding software in progress, as of June 30, 2023 is as follows:

The years ending June 30:	
2024	\$ 147,554
2025	120,683
2026	63,987
2027	31,224
2028	19,604
Thereafter	33,674
Total	\$ 416,726

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Noncontrolling Interests

The Consolidated Financial Statements include all assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses of entities that are controlled and consolidated by the System. Noncontrolling interests in the Consolidated Balance Sheets represent the portion of net assets owned by entities outside the System, for those controlled and consolidated entities in which the System's ownership interest is less than 100%.

Net Assets

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

Net assets without donor restrictions are those whose use by the System has not been limited by donors and are available for general operating use.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions include those whose use by the System has been limited by donors for a specific time period or purpose, primarily for patient care, operations, and property and equipment.

This category also includes net assets restricted by donors to be maintained in perpetuity. The income generated from these restricted investments is primarily used to purchase equipment and to provide charity care and other health and educational services. Contributions with donor-imposed restrictions that are met in the same reporting period are reported as net assets without donor restrictions.

Performance Indicator

The performance indicator is the excess (deficit) of revenues and gains over expenses and losses. Pension and other postretirement liability adjustments, transfers to or from sponsors and other affiliates, net assets released from restrictions for property acquisitions, and changes in unconsolidated entities' net assets are not included in the performance indicator.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Operating and Nonoperating Activities

The System's primary mission is to meet the healthcare needs in its communities served through a broad range of general and specialized healthcare services, including inpatient acute care, outpatient services, long-term care, and other healthcare services. Activities directly associated with the furtherance of this purpose are classified as operating activities, while activities resulting in gains or losses peripheral to the System's primary mission are classified as nonoperating.

Net Patient Service Revenue and Accounts Receivable

Net patient service revenue relates to contracts with patients, and in most cases involve a third-party payor (Medicare, Medicaid, commercial and other managed care insurance companies) in which the System's performance obligations are to provide health care services. Net patient service revenues are recorded at expected collectible amounts over the time in which obligations to provide health care services are satisfied. Revenue is accrued to estimate the amount of revenue earned to date for patients who have not been discharged and whose care services are not complete as of the reporting period. Substantially all the System's performance obligations are satisfied in one year.

The transaction price is determined based on gross charges for services provided, reduced by contractual adjustments provided to third-party payers, discounts provided to uninsured patients in accordance with the System's charity care policy, and implicit price concessions provided primarily to uninsured patients. Patients who have health care insurance may also have discounts applied related to their copayment or deductible. Implicit price concessions are recorded as a direct reduction to net patient service revenue and are based primarily on historical collection experience.

Estimates of contractual adjustments and discounts are determined by major payor classes for inpatient and outpatient revenues based on contractual agreements, discount policies and historical experience. Management regularly reviews the contractual estimation process to consider and incorporate updates to laws and regulations and frequent changes in commercial and managed care contractual terms resulting from contract renegotiations and renewals.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Laws and regulations governing the Medicare and Medicaid programs are 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. Adjustments to revenue related to prior periods increased net patient service revenue by \$222,785 and \$192,768 for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Settlements with third-party payers for retroactive revenue adjustments due to audits, reviews or investigations are considered variable consideration and are included in the determination of the estimated transaction price for providing patient care. Such estimates are determined through either a probability-weighted estimate or an estimate of the most likely amount, depending on the circumstances related to a given estimated settlement item.

These settlements are estimated based on the terms of the payment agreement with the payer, correspondence from the payer and historical settlement activity, including an assessment to ensure that it is probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognized will not occur when the uncertainty associated with the retroactive adjustment is subsequently resolved. Estimated settlements are adjusted in future periods as adjustments become known, or as years are settled or are no longer subject to such audits, reviews and investigations.

Net patient service revenue earned for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, is as follows:

	The years ended June 30,	
	2023	2022
Inpatient care	\$ 11,656,483	\$ 11,802,093
Ambulatory care	10,557,720	10,062,536
Physician practices	3,004,790	2,937,619
Long-term care	428,928	397,177
Total net patient service revenue	<u>\$ 25,647,921</u>	<u>\$ 25,199,425</u>

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

The System grants credit without collateral to its patients. Net patient service revenues earned by payor and significant concentrations of accounts receivable are as follows:

	Net Patient Service Revenue		Accounts Receivable	
	The years ended		June 30,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Medicare - traditional and managed	36.1 %	35.7 %	29.4 %	30.0 %
Medicaid - traditional and managed	15.7	14.8	11.2	11.8
Other commercial and managed care	41.7	42.9	44.6	44.5
Self-Pay and other	6.5	6.6	14.8	13.7
	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>

Deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance under third-party payment programs which are the patient's responsibility are included within the primary payor category in the preceding table.

The primary collection risks relate to uninsured patient accounts, including patient accounts for which the primary insurance carrier has paid the amounts covered by the applicable agreement, but patient deductibles and copayments remain outstanding. Accounts are written off when all reasonable internal and external collection efforts have been performed.

Implicit price concessions relate primarily to amounts due directly from patients. Estimated implicit price concessions are recorded for all uninsured accounts, regardless of the aging of those accounts. The estimates for implicit price concessions are based upon management's assessment of historical write-offs and expected net collections, business and economic conditions, trends in federal, state and private employer health care coverage and other collection indicators.

Management relies on the results of detailed reviews of historical write-offs and collections of revenues and accounts receivable as a primary source of information in estimating the collectability of accounts receivable. Management updates the hindsight analysis at least quarterly, using primarily a rolling twelve-month collection history and write-off data. These routine, quarterly changes in estimates have not resulted in material adjustments to the valuations of accounts receivable or period-to-period comparisons of results of operations.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Other Operating Revenue

Other operating revenues are recorded at amounts the System expects to collect in exchange for providing goods or services not directly associated with patient care and recorded over the time in which obligations to provide goods or services are satisfied. The amounts recognized reflect consideration due from customers, third party payors, and others.

Components of other operating revenue are included in the following tables for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively:

	The years ended June 30,	
	2023	2022
Cafeteria and vending	\$ 77,479	\$ 66,218
COVID-19 funding (see Note 3)	28,448	365,892
Contracted services	285,228	302,309
Donations and grants	111,697	100,029
Gains on asset sales	382,453	416,633
Insurance plans	270,449	110,650
Joint venture income	232,681	232,486
Lab services	65,472	84,017
Lease and rental income	95,127	93,904
Retail pharmacy	791,031	593,004
Value based programs	146,512	114,865
Other	213,270	296,019
Total other revenue	\$ 2,699,847	\$ 2,776,026

Ascension

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) *(Dollars in Thousands)*

2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Impairment and Nonrecurring Gains (Losses), Net

Long-lived assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or business conditions indicate the carrying amount of such assets may not be fully recoverable. Initial assessments of recoverability are based on estimates of undiscounted future net cash flows associated with an asset or group of assets. Where impairment is indicated, the carrying amount of an asset or group of assets is reduced to fair value based on income and market approaches, which may include discounted estimates of future net cash flows, market comparables for similar assets, and appraisals.

Ascension has determined that estimated future net cash flows for certain System long-lived assets will not support their net book values. As such, an impairment charge of approximately \$1,483,000 was recognized for the year ended June 30, 2023, included in Impairment and Nonrecurring gains (losses), net in the Consolidated Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets.

Nonrecurring gains (losses) are related to natural disaster losses and related insurance proceeds and costs associated with entities held for sale.

Amortization

Bond issuance costs, discounts, and premiums are amortized over the term of the bonds or the fixed interest period, if applicable, primarily using a method approximating the effective interest method.

Income Taxes

The System's tax-exempt organizations are described under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), and their related income is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(a). The System accounts for uncertainty in income tax positions by applying a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The System has determined that no material unrecognized tax benefits or liabilities exist as of June 30, 2023.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

The System had deferred tax assets of approximately \$507,000 and \$500,000 for federal and state income tax purposes primarily related to net operating loss carryforwards for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Net operating losses incurred prior to July 1, 2018 have expiration dates through 2038, while net operating losses incurred after July 1, 2018 can be carried forward indefinitely, under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. A valuation allowance of approximately \$505,000 and \$497,000 is recognized at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, due to the uncertainty regarding use of the deferred tax assets.

Contingencies

Regulatory and legal contingencies are evaluated for risk of loss, and accruals are made when such losses are deemed probable and can be reasonably estimated. Liabilities accrued for professional liability claims include amounts covered by excess insurance, and as such, the Company records a receivable for the expected reimbursement of losses covered by excess insurance at the time liabilities are accrued.

Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications were made to prior periods' Consolidated Financial Statements to conform to the June 30, 2023 presentation.

Subsequent Events

The System evaluates the impact of subsequent events, which are events that occur after the Consolidated Balance Sheet date, but before the Consolidated Financial Statements are issued, for potential recognition or disclosure in the Consolidated Financial Statements as of the Consolidated Balance Sheet date. For the year ended June 30, 2023, the System evaluated subsequent events through September 13, 2023, representing the date the Consolidated Financial Statements were issued.

3. COVID-19

Other operating revenue includes amounts the System has recognized associated with U.S. Government COVID-19 legislation funding, for which management continues to monitor compliance of associated terms and conditions. If unable to attest to or comply with terms and conditions, the System's ability to retain some or all of the distributions received may be impacted.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

3. COVID-19 (continued)

Ascension was advanced approximately \$2,000,000 through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Accelerated and Advanced Payment Program in April 2020. All funds have been recouped as of June 30, 2023. At June 30, 2022, \$522,045 was not yet recouped, and was recorded as a current liability.

4. Organizational Changes

Divestitures

During the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, Ascension, including certain of its wholly owned subsidiaries, completed the sale of, or undertook actions to sell or transfer ownership of, certain assets and liabilities as follows.

Assets Held for Sale / Sold

In April 2023, Gulf Coast Health System (GCHS), a wholly owned subsidiary of Ascension, and University of South Alabama Health Care Authority (USAHCA) entered into an agreement whereby GCHS will sell substantially all assets and operations, as well as related clinical and other business associated with, Providence Hospital in Mobile, Alabama to USAHCA. At June 30, 2023, assets and liabilities held for sale are approximately \$88,000 and \$8,000, respectively, and are included in other current assets and other current liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheet. This transition is expected to be finalized after all necessary approvals are obtained.

In June 2023, Ascension Health (Ascension) and The Guthrie Clinic (Guthrie) entered into an agreement whereby Ascension will transition its sole corporate membership interest in Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Hospital, Inc. (Lourdes) in New York as well as related clinical and other business associated with Lourdes to Guthrie. At June 30, 2023 assets and liabilities held for sale are approximately \$201,000 and \$33,000, respectively, and are included in other current assets and other current liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheet. This transition is expected to be finalized after all necessary approvals are obtained.

Effective September 30, 2022, Ascension completed the sale of certain assets of its outreach laboratory business and transitioned management of hospital-based laboratories in certain markets to Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings. Assets held for sale of approximately \$62,000 were included in other current assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheet at June 30, 2022.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) *(Dollars in Thousands)*

4. Organizational Changes (continued)

Effective August 1, 2021, Ministry Health Care, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Ascension, completed the transition of its sole membership interest in seven hospitals and related clinical and other business representing substantially all operations in the Northern and Central Wisconsin markets to Aspirus, Inc.

Other

Effective April 1, 2022, Ascension and Adventist Health System Sunbelt Healthcare Corporation (AdventHealth), disaffiliated from AMITA Health, the joint operating company which served the healthcare needs of the greater Chicago area from 2015 through March 31, 2022. Beginning April 1, 2022, Ascension operates and continues to consolidate its 15 hospitals and related healthcare facilities in the Chicagoland area separately from AdventHealth.

5. Investment Funds

A significant portion of the System's investments are held within the Investment Funds, with additional investments held by the Ministry Markets and their consolidated foundations outside of the Investment Funds.

Alpha Fund

The Alpha Fund is consolidated by the System and includes the investment interests of the System and noncontrolling Alpha Fund investors.

AIM, a wholly owned subsidiary of the System, serves as the manager and primary investment advisor of the Alpha Fund, overseeing the investment strategies offered to the Alpha Fund's investors. AIM provides expertise in the areas of asset allocation, selection and monitoring of outside investment managers, and risk management.

Ascension and the Alpha Fund invest in certain alternative investment funds which include contractual commitments to provide capital contributions during the investment period, which is typically five years and can extend to the end of the fund term. During these contractual periods, investment managers may require capital contributions in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) *(Dollars in Thousands)*

5. Investment Funds (continued)

Commitments not funded during the investment period will expire and remain unfunded. As of June 30, 2023, contractual agreements expire between July 2023 and May 2029. The remaining unfunded capital commitments total approximately \$1,630,000 for 285 individual funds as of June 30, 2023. Due to the uncertainty surrounding whether the contractual commitments will require funding during the contractual period, future minimum payments to meet these commitments cannot be reasonably estimated. These committed amounts are expected to be primarily satisfied by the liquidation of existing investments in the Alpha Fund.

In the normal course of business, the Alpha Fund enters into derivative contracts (derivatives) for trading purposes, following Alpha Fund guidelines. Advisors selected by AIM to manage the Alpha Fund's assets may actively trade futures contracts, options, swaps, forward settling mortgage-backed securities, index-based instruments, and foreign currency forward contracts.

AIM may direct these advisors to execute derivative transactions. These transactions are used to hedge against changes in the interest rates, security prices, currency fluctuations, and other market developments to manage risk or for the purposes of earning additional income. Derivatives are either exchange-traded or over the counter contracts. Exchange-traded derivatives are standard contracts traded on a regulated exchange. Over the counter contracts are private contracts negotiated with counterparties.

At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the gross notional value of Alpha Fund derivatives outstanding was approximately \$5,669,000 and \$13,344,000, respectively. See the Fair Value Measurements note for discussion of the Alpha Fund derivatives' fair value determination.

The fair value of Alpha Fund derivatives in an asset position was \$95,080 and \$130,625 at June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, respectively, while the fair value of Alpha Fund derivatives in a liability position was \$54,798 and \$548,073 at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. These derivatives are included in long-term investments in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Due from brokers and due to brokers on the Consolidated Balance Sheets represent the Alpha Fund's positions and amounts due from or to various brokers, primarily for security transactions not yet settled.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

5. Investment Funds (continued)

Venture Funds

The Venture Funds are consolidated by the System and include the investment interests of the System and other noncontrolling limited partners. The general partners of the Venture Funds are wholly owned subsidiaries of AV Holding Company. The Venture Funds invest primarily in equity and convertible debt securities of privately held domestic entities, and are reported at fair value.

6. Cash and Investments

The System's cash and investments are reported in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as presented in the table that follows. Total cash and investments, net, includes the net assets of Investment Funds. Other assets (liabilities), net of the Investment Funds are primarily amounts due from and to brokers. System unrestricted cash and investments, net, represent the System's cash and investments excluding assets limited as to use and the noncontrolling interests of Investment Funds.

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,013,225	\$ 747,084
Short-term investments	60,793	70,284
Long-term investments	19,417,590	22,058,171
Subtotal	20,491,608	22,875,539
Investment Funds' other assets (liabilities), net	61,564	86,150
Total cash and investments, net	20,553,172	22,961,689
Less noncontrolling interest of Investment Funds	2,321,790	2,012,636
System cash and investments, including assets limited as to use	18,231,382	20,949,053
Less assets limited as to use:		
Under bond agreement	119	157
Self-insurance trust funds	914,776	795,202
With donor restrictions	733,091	697,415
Total assets limited as to use	1,647,986	1,492,774
System unrestricted cash and investments, net	\$ 16,583,396	\$ 19,456,279

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

6. Cash and Investments (continued)

The System's composition of cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments and long-term investments, which include certain assets limited as to use, is summarized as follows.

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments	\$ 1,148,934	\$ 911,686
Pooled short-term investment funds	502,177	917,281
U.S. government, state, municipal and agency obligations	2,949,110	4,358,500
Corporate and foreign fixed income securities	1,032,959	1,909,257
Asset-backed securities	1,952,581	3,129,401
Equity securities	6,106,192	4,328,562
Alternative investments and other investments:		
Private equity and real estate funds	4,450,670	4,811,569
Private credit and energy funds	1,489,455	1,600,318
Hedge funds	623,242	835,556
Other investments	236,288	73,409
Total alternative investments and other investments	6,799,655	7,320,852
Total cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, and long-term investments	\$ 20,491,608	\$ 22,875,539

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

6. Cash and Investments (continued)

Total investment return includes the System's return on Investment Funds and on certain investments held and managed outside the Investment Funds. System investment return is net of the investment return earned by the noncontrolling interests of the Investment Funds. Investment return recognized by the System for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, is summarized in the following table.

	The years ended	
	June 30,	
	2023	2022
Interest and dividends	\$ 481,214	\$ 347,433
Net gains (losses) on investments reported at fair value	(8,335)	(1,673,058)
Restricted investment return and unrealized gains (losses), net	4,959	(15,767)
Total investment return, net	477,838	(1,341,392)
Less Investment Funds' noncontrolling interest return, net	24,795	(155,552)
System investment return, net	\$ 453,043	\$ (1,185,840)

Total and system investment returns are net of external and direct internal investment expenses.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

7. Financial Assets and Liquidity Resources

As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, financial assets and liquidity resources available within one year for general expenditure, such as operating expenses, principal payments on debt, and capital expenditures not financed with debt, are as follows:

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Financial assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,013,225	\$ 747,084
Short-term investments	60,793	70,284
Accounts receivable	3,270,862	3,435,376
Due from brokers	136,646	142,075
Other current assets	1,306,215	940,170
Long-term investments	19,417,590	22,058,171
Total financial assets	25,205,331	27,393,160
Less:		
Assets limited as to use and internally designated funds	(1,744,513)	(1,529,771)
Noncontrolling interests of Investment Funds	(2,321,790)	(2,012,636)
Investments with liquidity more than one year	(5,133,522)	(5,511,336)
Total financial assets available within one year	16,005,506	18,339,417
Liquidity resources:		
Unused line(s) of credit	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total financial assets and liquidity resources available within one year	\$ 17,005,506	\$ 19,339,417

As part of the System's investment policy, highly liquid investments are held to enhance the System's ability to satisfy liquidity requirements.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

8. Fair Value Measurements

The System measures the fair value of assets and liabilities in accordance with FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurement*. Under ASC 820, fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability at the measurement date. Assets and liabilities reported at fair value are classified and disclosed in one of the following four categories:

Level 1 – Quoted prices (unadjusted) that are readily available in active markets/exchanges for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 – Pricing inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 pricing inputs include prices quoted for similar assets and liabilities in active markets/exchanges or prices quoted for identical or similar assets and liabilities in markets that are not active. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, a Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 – Significant pricing inputs that are unobservable for the asset or liability, including assets or liabilities for which there is little, if any, market activity for such asset or liability. Inputs to determine the fair value of Level 3 assets and liabilities require management judgment and estimation.

Net Asset Value – Values are based on the calculated net asset value. The calculated net asset values for underlying investments are fair value estimates determined by an external fund manager and other sources based on quoted market prices, operating results, balance sheet stability, growth, and other business and market sector factors.

The System categorizes, for disclosure purposes, assets and liabilities measured at fair value in the Consolidated Financial Statements based upon whether the inputs used to determine their fair values are observable or unobservable. Observable inputs are inputs that are based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about pricing the asset or liability based on the best information available in the circumstances.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

8. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, an asset's or liability's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement of the asset or liability. The System's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment and considers factors specific to the asset or liability.

As of June 30, 2023, and 2022, the assets and liabilities listed in the fair value hierarchy tables below use the following valuation techniques and inputs:

Cash and Cash Equivalents and Short-Term Investments

Cash and cash equivalents and certain short-term investments include certificates of deposit, whose fair value is based on cost plus accrued interest. Significant observable inputs include security cost, maturity, and relevant short-term interest rates.

Other short-term investments designated as Level 2 investments primarily consist of commercial paper, whose fair value is based on the income approach. Significant observable inputs include security cost, maturity, credit rating, interest rate, and par value.

Pooled Short-Term Investment Funds

The pooled short-term investment fund is a short-term exchange traded money market fund primarily invested in treasury securities.

U. S. Government, State, Municipal, and Agency Obligations

The fair value of investments in U.S. government, state, municipal, and agency obligations is primarily determined using techniques consistent with the income approach. Significant observable inputs include benchmark yields, reported trades, observable broker/dealer quotes, and issuer spreads.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

8. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

Corporate and Foreign Fixed Income Securities

The fair value of investments in U.S. and international corporate bonds and foreign government bonds is primarily determined using techniques that are consistent with the market approach. Significant observable inputs include benchmark yields, reported trades, observable broker/dealer quotes, issuer spreads, and security-specific characteristics (e.g., such as early redemption options).

Asset-backed Securities

The fair value of U.S. agency, mortgage, and other asset-backed securities is primarily determined using techniques that are consistent with the income approach. Significant observable inputs include prepayment speeds and spreads, benchmark yield curves, volatility measures, and observable broker/dealer quotes.

Equity Securities

The fair value of investments in U.S. and international equity securities is primarily determined using techniques that are consistent with the market and income approaches. The values for underlying investments are based on readily available quoted market prices or represent fair value estimates based on market prices, operating results, balance sheet stability, growth, dividend, dividend yield, and other business and market sector fundamentals.

Alternative Investments and Other Investments

Alternative investments consist of private equity and other investments. The fair value of private equity is primarily determined using techniques consistent with both the market and income approaches, based on the System's estimates and assumptions in the absence of observable market data. The market approach considers comparable company, comparable transaction, and company-specific information, including but not limited to restrictions on disposition, subsequent purchases of the same or similar securities by other investors, pending mergers or acquisitions, and current financial position and operating results. The income approach considers the projected operating performance of the portfolio company. Other investments include primarily exchange traded commodities and derivative assets and derivative liabilities of the Alpha Fund. Fair values of derivatives are primarily determined using techniques consistent with the market approach. Significant observable inputs to valuation models include the time value of money, counterparty credit risk, interest rates, Treasury yields, volatilities, credit spreads,

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

8. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

maturity date, recovery rates, and the current market and contractual prices of the underlying financial instruments.

The fair value of hedge funds, private equity funds, private credit and energy funds, and real estate partnerships is primarily determined using net asset values, which approximate fair value, as determined by an external fund manager based on quoted market prices, operating results, balance sheet stability, growth, and other business and market sector fundamentals.

Benefit Plan Assets

The fair value of benefit plan assets is based on original investment into a guaranteed fund, plus guaranteed, annuity contract-based interest rates. Significant unobservable inputs to the guaranteed rate include the fair value and average duration of the portfolio of investments underlying annuity contract, the contract value, and the annualized weighted-average yield to maturity of the underlying investment portfolio.

Interest Rate Swap Assets and Liabilities

The fair value of interest rate swaps is primarily determined using techniques consistent with the income method. Under the income method, fair values are calculated based on present value of expected future cash flows using discount rates appropriate with risks involved.

Significant observable inputs to valuation models include interest rates, Treasury yields, volatilities, credit spreads, maturity, and recovery rates.

Investments Sold, Not Yet Purchased

The fair value of investments sold, not yet purchased is primarily determined using techniques consistent with the income approach. Significant observable inputs to the income approach include data points for benchmark, constant maturity curves, and spreads.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

8. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

The following tables summarize fair value measurements, by level, at June 30, 2023 and 2022, for all financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis in the System's Consolidated Financial Statements.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
June 30, 2023				
Cash equivalents	\$ 9,827	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,827
Short-term investments	35,563	8,382	-	43,945
Pooled short-term investment funds	502,177	-	-	502,177
U.S. government, state, municipal and agency obligations	-	2,949,110	-	2,949,110
Corporate and foreign fixed income securities	-	1,031,687	1,272	1,032,959
Asset-backed securities	-	1,739,069	213,512	1,952,581
Equity securities	4,676,177	8,315	10,215	4,694,707
Alternative investments and other investments:				
Private equity	-	-	334,891	334,891
Other investments, including derivatives, net	96,860	39,514	2,759	139,133
Assets at net asset value:				
Equity securities				1,411,485
Private equity funds and real estate funds				4,115,779
Private credit and energy funds				1,489,455
Hedge funds				623,242
Other investments				6,205
Cash and other investments not at fair value				<u>1,186,112</u>
Cash and investments				<u>\$ 20,491,608</u>
Benefit plan assets, in other noncurrent assets	\$ 606,445	\$ -	\$ 57,308	\$ 663,753
Investments sold, not yet purchased, in other noncurrent liabilities	34	202	-	236
Interest rate swaps, included in other noncurrent liabilities	-	27,301	-	27,301

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

8. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
June 30, 2022				
Cash equivalents	\$ 24,997	\$ 14,975	\$ -	\$ 39,972
Short-term investments	56,426	9,845	-	66,271
Pooled short-term investment funds	917,281	-	-	917,281
U.S. government, state, municipal and agency obligations	-	4,358,500	-	4,358,500
Corporate and foreign fixed income securities	-	1,908,101	1,156	1,909,257
Asset-backed securities	-	2,918,459	210,942	3,129,401
Equity securities	2,486,729	16,551	37,171	2,540,451
Alternative investments and other investments:				
Private equity	-	-	574,873	574,873
Other investments, including derivatives, net	340,594	(344,325)	3,887	156
Assets at net asset value:				
Equity securities				1,788,111
Private equity funds and real estate funds				4,236,200
Private credit and energy funds				1,600,318
Hedge funds				835,556
Other investments				5,811
Cash and other investments not at fair value				873,381
Cash and investments				<u>\$ 22,875,539</u>
Benefit plan assets, in other noncurrent assets	\$ 541,191	\$ -	\$ 58,439	\$ 599,630
Investments sold, not yet purchased, in other noncurrent liabilities	4	830	-	834
Interest rate swaps, included in other noncurrent liabilities	-	57,911	-	57,911

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

8. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

For the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the changes in the fair value of the assets and liabilities measured using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) consisted of the following:

	Corporate and Foreign Fixed Income Securities	Asset- Backed Securities	Equity Securities	Private Equity	Other Investments	Benefit Plan Assets
The year ended						
June 30, 2023						
Beginning balance	\$ 1,156	\$ 210,942	\$ 37,171	\$ 574,873	\$ 3,887	\$ 58,439
Realized and unrealized gains (losses):						
Included in nonoperating gains (losses)	116	2,529	(9,485)	(263,825)	(89)	-
Included in changes in net assets	-	-	-	-	(805)	-
Purchases	-	19,399	4,469	24,334	248	6,859
Issuances	-	-	-	8	-	-
Sales	-	(18,608)	(22,950)	(499)	(482)	(11,854)
Transfers into Level 3	-	-	1,010	-	-	10,030
Transfers out of Level 3	-	(750)	-	-	-	(6,166)
Ending balance	<u>\$ 1,272</u>	<u>\$ 213,512</u>	<u>\$ 10,215</u>	<u>\$ 334,891</u>	<u>\$ 2,759</u>	<u>\$ 57,308</u>

The amount of total gains or losses for the period included in nonoperating gains (losses) attributable to the changes in unrealized gains or losses relating to assets still held at June 30, 2023

\$ 119	\$ 1,962	\$ 141	\$ -	\$ 60	\$ -
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8. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

	Corporate and Foreign Fixed Income Securities	Asset- Backed Securities	Equity Securities	Private Equity	Other Investments	Benefit Plan Assets
The year ended June 30, 2022						
Beginning balance	\$ 8,009	\$ 479,273	\$ 33,151	\$ 733,753	\$ 3,711	\$ 58,504
Realized and unrealized gains (losses):						
Included in nonoperating gains (losses)	758	(32,328)	(11,430)	(29,839)	967	-
Included in changes in net assets	-	-	-	-	(533)	-
Purchases	2,092	72,746	31,326	76,276	135	11,740
Sales	(9,091)	(296,517)	(16,182)	(202,613)	(393)	(14,904)
Transfers into Level 3	-	1,688	306	3,723	-	12,129
Transfers out of Level 3	(612)	(13,920)	-	(6,427)	-	(9,030)
Ending balance	<u>\$ 1,156</u>	<u>\$ 210,942</u>	<u>\$ 37,171</u>	<u>\$ 574,873</u>	<u>\$ 3,887</u>	<u>\$ 58,439</u>

The amount of total gains or losses for the period included in nonoperating gains (losses) attributable to the changes in unrealized gains or losses relating to assets still held at June 30, 2022

\$ (58)	\$ (25,624)	\$ (5,864)	\$ -	\$ 584	\$ -
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The basis for recognizing and valuing transfers into or out of Level 3, in the Level 3 rollforward, is as of the beginning of the period in which the transfers occur.

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9. Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt at June 30, 2023 and 2022 is comprised of the following and is presented in accordance with the specific master trust indenture to which the debt relates.

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Tax-exempt hospital revenue bonds – secured under Ascension Health Alliance Senior Credit Group Master Trust Indenture:		
Variable rate demand bonds, subject to a seven-day put provision, payable through November 2047; interest (3.95% to 4.21% at June 30, 2023) set at prevailing market rates	\$ 472,635	\$ 481,535
Fixed rate serial, term, and mode bonds fixed to maturity payable in installments through November 2047; interest at 3.00% to 5.00%	2,842,550	2,892,610
Fixed rate serial mode bonds payable through 2047 with purchase dates ranging from July 2024 through December 2024; interest at 4.00% to 5.00% through the purchase dates	165,010	457,570
Tax-exempt hospital revenue bonds – unsecured under Ascension Health Alliance Subordinate Master Trust Indenture:		
Variable rate demand bonds issued under the Subordinate Master Trust Indenture, subject to a seven-day put provision, payable through November 2025; interest (4.00% at June 30, 2023) set at prevailing market rates	12,895	17,600
Fixed rate serial, term, and mode bonds issued under the Subordinate Master Trust Indenture fixed to maturity payable in installments through November 2027; interest at 4.00% to 5.00%	79,230	97,770
Taxable bonds – secured under Ascension Health Alliance Senior Credit Group Master Trust Indenture:		
Taxable fixed rate term bonds payable as of November 2053; interest at 4.847%	425,000	425,000
Taxable fixed rate term bonds payable as of November 2046; interest at 3.945%	1,170,000	1,170,000
Taxable fixed rate term bonds payable through November 2039; interest at 2.532% to 3.106%	1,447,600	1,447,600
Total hospital revenue bonds under Senior Master Trust Indenture and Subordinate Master Trust Indenture	\$ 6,614,920	\$ 6,989,685

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

9. Long-Term Debt (continued)

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Total hospital revenue bonds – all Master Trust Indentures	\$ 6,614,920	\$ 6,989,685
Other	81,275	36,394
	6,696,195	7,026,079
Unamortized premium, net	251,327	283,635
Less debt issuance cost, net	(31,564)	(33,656)
Less current portion	(121,541)	(91,618)
Less long-term debt subject to short-term remarketing arrangements	(471,425)	(774,630)
Long-term debt, less current portion and long-term debt subject to short-term remarketing arrangements	\$ 6,322,992	\$ 6,409,810

Scheduled principal repayments of long-term debt, considering obligations subject to short-term remarketing as due according to their long-term amortization schedule, as of June 30, 2023, are as follows:

	Ascension Health Alliance MTIs	Other Debt	Total
The years ending June 30:			
2024	\$ 90,670	\$ 30,871	\$ 121,541
2025	96,665	10,099	106,764
2026	102,150	2,688	104,838
2027	107,780	2,805	110,585
2028	124,980	2,867	127,847
Thereafter	6,092,675	31,945	6,124,620
Total	\$ 6,614,920	\$ 81,275	\$ 6,696,195

During the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, interest paid was approximately \$276,000 and \$268,000, respectively. Capitalized interest was approximately \$12,900 and \$8,900 for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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9. Long-Term Debt (continued)

Certain members of the System formed the Ascension Health Alliance Credit Group (Senior Credit Group). Each Senior Credit Group member is identified as either a senior obligated group member, a senior designated affiliate, or a senior limited designated affiliate. Senior obligated group members are jointly and severally liable under a Senior Master Trust Indenture (Senior MTI) to make all payments required with respect to obligations under the Senior MTI.

Senior designated affiliates and senior limited designated affiliates are not obligated to make debt service payments on the obligations under the Senior MTI. The System may cause each senior designated affiliate to transfer such amounts as are necessary to enable the obligated group to comply with the terms of the Senior MTI, including payment of the outstanding obligations.

Additionally, each senior limited designated affiliate has an independent limited designated affiliate agreement and promissory note with the System with stipulated repayment terms and conditions, each subject to the governing law of the senior limited designated affiliate's state of incorporation.

Pursuant to a Supplemental Master Indenture dated February 1, 2005, senior obligated group members, which are operating entities, have pledged and assigned to the Master Trustee a security interest in all of their rights, title, and interest in their pledged revenues and proceeds thereof.

A Subordinate Credit Group, which is comprised of subordinate obligated group members, subordinate designated affiliates, and subordinate limited designated affiliates, was created under the Subordinate Master Trust Indenture (Subordinate MTI). The subordinate obligated group members are jointly and severally liable under the Subordinate MTI to make all payments required with respect to obligations under the Subordinate MTI. Subordinate designated affiliates and subordinate limited designated affiliates are not obligated to make debt service payments on the obligations under the Subordinate MTI.

The System may cause each subordinate designated affiliate to transfer such amounts as are necessary to enable the obligated group members to comply with the terms of the Subordinate MTI, including payment of the outstanding obligations. Additionally, each subordinate limited designated affiliate has an independent subordinate limited designated affiliate agreement and promissory note with the System, which stipulated repayment terms and conditions, each subject to the governing law of the subordinate limited designated affiliate's state of incorporation.

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9. Long-Term Debt (continued)

The unsecured variable rate demand bonds of both the Senior and Subordinate Credit Groups, while subject to long-term amortization periods, may be put to the System at the option of the bondholders in connection with certain remarketing dates. To the extent that bondholders may, under the terms of the debt, put their bonds within twelve months after June 30, 2023, the principal amount of such bonds has been classified as a current liability in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Management believes the likelihood of a material amount of bonds being put to the System to be remote. However, to address this possibility, management has taken steps to provide various sources of liquidity in the event any bonds would be put, including the line of credit, commercial paper program, and maintaining unrestricted assets as a source of self-liquidity.

Certain fixed rate serial mode bonds payable through 2047 were tendered for \$289,100 on their mandatory tender dates of June 1, 2023.

No debt extinguishment losses were incurred for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022.

As of June 30, 2023, the Senior Credit Group has a line of credit totaling \$1,000,000, which may be used for general corporate purposes. The line is committed through November 18, 2024, and as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 there were no outstanding borrowings under the line of credit.

As of June 30, 2023, the Senior Credit Group had a \$115,000 revolving line of credit related to its letters of credit program toward which a bank commitment of \$115,000 extends to November 8, 2024. The revolving line of credit may be accessed solely in the form of Letters of Credit issued by the bank for the benefit of the members of the Credit Groups. Of this \$115,000 revolving line of credit, letters of credit totaling \$89,398 have been issued as of June 30, 2023. No borrowings were outstanding under the letters of credit as of June 30, 2023 and 2022.

10. Derivative Instruments

As provided for in the System's Master Trust Indenture, the System uses interest rate swap agreements to manage interest rate risk associated with its outstanding debt. These swaps have historically been used to effectively convert interest rates on variable rate bonds to fixed rates and rates on fixed rate bonds to variable rates. At June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, the notional values of outstanding interest rate swaps were \$755,040 and \$826,215, respectively, with maturity dates ranging from 2026 through 2036.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

10. Derivative Instruments (continued)

The System recognizes the fair value of its interest rate swaps in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as either assets, recorded in other noncurrent assets, or liabilities, recorded in other noncurrent liabilities, as appropriate, and are not netted. All interest rate swaps were in a liability position at June 30, 2023 and 2022, and amounted to \$27,301 and \$57,911, respectively.

The System's interest rate swap agreements include collateral requirements based on specified criteria. No collateral was posted as of June 30, 2023 and 2022.

The System does not designate its interest rate swaps as hedges, and accordingly, all changes in the fair value of interest rate swaps are recognized in nonoperating gains (losses) in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Changes in Net Assets.

11. Leases

The System is a party to primarily real estate and medical and information technology equipment leases as a lessee and real estate leases as a lessor. Rental escalation clauses or renewal options are factored into the determination of lease payments when appropriate. To determine the present value of lease payments, the System utilizes its incremental borrowing rate at lease commencement when an implicit rate is not available for operating leases. In addition, the System does not separate lease and non-lease components.

All components of total lease cost are recognized in other operating expenses, excluding interest on finance lease liabilities, which is recognized in interest. The following table provides the total lease cost included in the Consolidated Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets:

	The years ended June 30,	
	2023	2022
Operating lease cost	\$ 348,472	\$ 346,811
Finance lease cost:		
Interest on lease liabilities	2,857	2,919
Amortization of right-of-use-asset	2,839	2,840
Variable lease cost	68,778	65,397
Total lease cost	<u>\$ 422,946</u>	<u>\$ 417,967</u>

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

11. Leases (continued)

The weighted average remaining lease terms and the weighted average discount rates at June 30, 2023 and 2022 were as follows:

	June 30, 2023		June 30, 2022	
	Operating Leases	Finance Leases	Operating Leases	Finance Leases
Weighted-average remaining lease term	8.3 years	26.5 years	8.3 years	27.5 years
Weighted-average discount rate	2.7%	3.3%	2.4%	3.3%

The following table provides the cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease obligations:

	The years ended June 30,	
	2023	2022
Operating leases	\$ 332,055	\$ 342,447
Finance leases	4,116	4,069
Total cash paid	<u>\$ 336,171</u>	<u>\$ 346,516</u>

The following table reconciles undiscounted future operating and finance lease obligations for each of the next five years and thereafter, as of June 30, 2023, to lease obligations recorded on the Consolidated Balance Sheets at June 30, 2023.

Twelve months ending June 30:	Operating Leases	Finance Leases	Total
2024	\$ 278,248	\$ 4,147	\$ 282,395
2025	223,131	3,982	227,113
2026	188,022	4,054	192,076
2027	147,912	4,126	152,038
2028	106,350	4,200	110,550
Thereafter	402,297	106,911	509,208
Total future undiscounted lease obligations	1,345,960	127,420	1,473,380
Less: amount of lease payments representing interest	(110,267)	(46,092)	(156,359)
Present value of future lease obligations	1,235,693	81,328	1,317,021
Less: current portion of lease obligations	(268,339)	(1,324)	(269,663)
Long-term lease obligations	<u>\$ 967,354</u>	<u>\$ 80,004</u>	<u>\$ 1,047,358</u>

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

11. Leases (continued)

For leases where the System is a lessor, future minimum noncancelable receipts on operating leases for each of the next five years and thereafter, as of June 30, 2023, are as follows:

Twelve months ending June 30:	Operating Leases
2024	\$ 69,418
2025	54,640
2026	40,364
2027	32,022
2028	26,461
Thereafter	364,868
Total	<u>\$ 587,773</u>

Lease income was \$85,000 for both years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022.

12. Retirement Plans

Certain System entities participate in defined-benefit pension plans (the System Plans), which are noncontributory, defined-benefit pension plans. Certain of these plans are cash balance plans. Benefits are based on each participant's years of service and compensation. Primarily all of the System Plans' assets are invested in the Master Pension Trust (the Trust).

Contributions to the System Plans are based on actuarially determined amounts sufficient to meet the benefits to be paid to participants. As of December 31, 2019, all System Plans were frozen.

The assets of the System Plans are available to pay the benefits of eligible employees and retirees of all participating entities, and consist primarily of short term investments, U.S. government, state, municipal and agency obligations, corporate and foreign fixed income securities, asset-backed securities, equity securities, and alternative investments including private equity funds, real estate funds and hedge funds. In the event entities participating in the System Plans are unable to fulfill their financial obligations under the System Plans, the other participating entities are obligated to do so.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

12. Retirement Plans (continued)

The following table provides the combined benefit obligations and assets of the System Plans at June 30, 2023 and 2022, components of net periodic benefit costs for the years then ended, and a reconciliation of the amounts recognized in the Consolidated Financial Statements.

	The years ended June 30,	
	2023	2022
Change in projected benefit obligation:		
Projected benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 8,404,948	\$ 10,300,933
Interest cost	400,288	295,464
Assumption change	(373,950)	(1,714,613)
Actuarial loss	4,392	143,612
Acquisitions	2,986	-
Benefits paid	(607,654)	(620,448)
Projected benefit obligation at end of year	7,831,010	8,404,948
Change in plan assets:		
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	7,952,418	9,452,988
Actual return on plan assets	161,299	(881,069)
Employer contributions	290	947
Acquisitions	2,209	-
Benefits paid	(607,654)	(620,448)
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	7,508,562	7,952,418
Net amount recognized at end of year and funded status	\$ (322,448)	\$ (452,530)
 Accumulated benefit obligation at end of year	 7,831,010	 8,404,948

The System Plans' funded status as a percentage of both the projected and accumulated benefit obligations were 95.9% and 94.6% at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

12. Retirement Plans (continued)

The following amounts included in net assets without donor restrictions at June 30, 2023 and 2022 have not yet been recognized in net periodic pension cost for the System Plans:

	The years ended June 30,	
	2023	2022
Unrecognized actuarial loss	\$ (2,144,876)	\$ (2,131,754)
Unrecognized prior service credit	754	744
Unrecognized net pension cost in net assets	\$ (2,144,122)	\$ (2,131,010)

Changes in plan assets and benefit obligations recognized in net assets without donor restrictions for System Plans during the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 include:

	The years ended June 30,	
	2023	2022
Current year actuarial gain (loss)	\$ (108,582)	\$ 4,206
Amortization of actuarial loss	95,460	156,169
Amortization of prior service cost	10	292
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$ (13,112)	\$ 160,667

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

12. Retirement Plans (continued)

The following table provides the components of net periodic benefit gain for the System included in Other non-operating gains (losses) in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Changes in Net Assets.

	The years ended June 30,	
	2023	2022
Components of net periodic benefit gain:		
Expected return on plan assets	639,158	685,726
Interest cost	(400,288)	(295,464)
Amortization of prior service cost	(10)	(292)
Amortization of actuarial loss	(92,027)	(151,334)
Settlement loss	(3,433)	(4,835)
Net periodic benefit gain	\$ 143,400	\$ 233,801

The assumptions used to determine the benefit obligation and net periodic benefit cost for the System Plans are set forth below:

	For the years ended June 30,	
	2023	2022
To determine benefit obligations:		
Discount rate	5.67%	5.05%
To determine net periodic benefit cost:		
Discount rate	5.05%	3.00%
Expected return on plan assets	8.00%	8.00%

For the System's cash balance plans, the assumed interest crediting rate to determine benefit obligations and net periodic benefit cost is 2.25% at June 30, 2023 and 2022.

The expected long-term rate of return on the System Plans' assets is based on historical and projected rates of return for current and planned asset categories in the investment portfolio. Assumed projected rates of return for each asset category were selected after analyzing historical experience and future expectations of the returns and volatility for assets of that category using benchmark rates.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

12. Retirement Plans (continued)

Based on the target asset allocation among the asset categories, the overall expected rate of return for the portfolio was developed and adjusted for historical and expected experience of active portfolio management results compared to benchmark returns and for the effect of expenses paid from plan assets.

The System Plans' assets invested in the Trust are invested in a portfolio designed to protect principal and obtain competitive investment returns and long-term investment growth, consistent with actuarial assumptions, with a reasonable and prudent level of risk. Diversification is achieved by allocating to funds and managers that correlate to one of three economic strategies: growth, deflation, and inflation. Growth strategies include U.S. equity, emerging market equity, international equity, absolute return hedge funds, directional hedge funds, private equity, hedged equity, high yield, and private credit. Deflation strategies include core fixed income, opportunistic credit, and cash. Inflation strategies include inflation-linked bonds, and liquid real assets. The System Plans use multiple investment managers with complementary styles, philosophies, and approaches. In accordance with the System Plans' objectives, derivatives may also be used to gain market exposure in an efficient and timely manner.

In accordance with the System Plans' asset diversification targets, as presented in the table that follows, the Trust holds certain alternative investments, consisting of various hedge funds, private equity funds, and real estate funds. These investments do not have observable market values. As such, each of these investments is valued at net asset value (NAV) as determined by each fund's investment manager, which approximates fair value. Collectively, these funds have liquidity terms ranging from daily to annual with notice periods ranging from 30 to 180 days. Due to redemption restrictions, investments of certain private equity funds, whose fair value was approximately \$1,537,000 at June 30, 2023, cannot currently be redeemed. However, the potential for the System Plans to sell their interest in hedge funds, private equity funds and real estate funds in a secondary market prior to the end of the fund term does exist.

The investments in these alternative investment funds may also include contractual commitments to provide capital contributions during the investment period, which is typically five years, and may extend to the end of the fund term. During these contractual periods, investment managers may require the System Plans to invest in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Commitments not funded during the investment period will expire and remain unfunded. As of June 30, 2023, investment periods expire between July 2023 and February 2029. The remaining unfunded capital commitments of the Trust total approximately \$683,000 for 188 individual contracts as of June 30, 2023.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

12. Retirement Plans (continued)

The weighted-average asset allocation for the System Plans in the Trust at June 30, 2023 and 2022 and the target allocation, by asset category, are as follows:

Asset Category:	Target Allocation	Percentage of Plan Assets as of June 30,	
		2023	2022
Growth	66%	68%	66%
Inflation	8%	8%	9%
Deflation	26%	24%	25%
	100%	100%	100%

The following tables summarize fair value measurements at June 30, 2023 and 2022, by asset class and by level, for the System Plans' assets and liabilities. As discussed in the Fair Value Measurements note, the System follows the three-level fair value hierarchy to categorize plan assets and liabilities recognized at fair value, which prioritize the inputs used to measure such fair values. The inputs and valuation techniques discussed in the Fair Value Measurements note also apply to the System Plans' assets and liabilities as presented in the following tables.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
June 30, 2023				
Short-term investments	\$ 574,909	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 574,909
U.S. government, state, municipal and agency obligations	-	2,492,018	-	2,492,018
Corporate and foreign fixed income securities	6,144	557,417	31	563,592
Asset-backed securities	-	513,187	-	513,187
Equity securities	1,200,375	-	3,192	1,203,567
Other investments, including derivatives, net	264,335	81,834	-	346,169
Assets at net asset value:				
Equity securities				72,951
Private equity and real estate funds				1,536,752
Hedge funds				319,185
Other assets and liabilities, net				(113,768)
Fair value of plan assets				\$ 7,508,562

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

12. Retirement Plans (continued)

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
June 30, 2022				
Short-term investments	\$ 623,465	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 623,465
U.S. government, state, municipal and agency obligations	-	2,270,299	-	2,270,299
Corporate and foreign fixed income securities	-	704,400	31	704,431
Asset-backed securities	-	1,241,957	4,086	1,246,043
Equity securities	722,225	8,199	3,058	733,482
Other investments, including derivatives, net	336,691	(243,951)	-	92,740
Assets at net asset value:				
Equity securities				99,543
Private equity and real estate funds				1,718,146
Hedge funds				392,468
Other assets and liabilities, net				71,801
Fair value of plan assets				<u>\$ 7,952,418</u>

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

12. Retirement Plans (continued)

For the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the changes in the fair value of the System Plans' assets measured using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) consisted of the following:

	Corporate and Foreign Fixed Income Securities	Asset-Backed Securities	Equity Securities
June 30, 2023			
Beginning balance	\$ 31	\$ 4,086	\$ 3,058
Total actual return on assets	-	(208)	281
Purchases, issuances, and settlements	-	(1,794)	(147)
Transfers (out of) into Level 3	-	(2,084)	-
Ending balance	<u>\$ 31</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,192</u>

Actual return on plan assets relating to plan assets still held at June 30, 2023	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49
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	Corporate and Foreign Fixed Income Securities	Asset-Backed Securities	Equity Securities
June 30, 2022			
Beginning balance	\$ 761	\$ 11,901	\$ 3,107
Total actual return on assets	10	(207)	5
Purchases, issuances, and settlements	(740)	900	(54)
Transfers (out of) into Level 3	-	(8,508)	-
Ending balance	<u>\$ 31</u>	<u>\$ 4,086</u>	<u>\$ 3,058</u>

Actual return on plan assets relating to plan assets still held at June 30, 2022	\$ -	\$ (79)	\$ (24)
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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

12. Retirement Plans (continued)

The Trust has entered into a series of derivative agreements with a net notional amount of approximately \$2,976,000. The combined targeted duration of these derivatives and the Trust's fixed income investments approximates the duration of the liabilities of the Trust. Currently, 65% of the dollar duration of the liability is subject to this economic hedge. The purpose of this strategy is to economically hedge the change in the net funded status for a significant portion of the liability that can occur due to changes in interest rates.

The fair value of derivatives held by the Trust in an asset position was \$127,522 and \$53,355 at June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, respectively, while the fair value of derivatives held by the Trust in a liability position was \$44,197 and \$295,968 at June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, respectively. These derivatives are included in pension and other postretirement liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Information about the expected cash flows for the System Plans follows:

Expected employer contributions 2024	\$	280
Expected benefit payments:		
2024		824,280
2025		649,850
2026		649,600
2027		643,800
2028		638,300
2029-2033		2,970,000

The contribution amount above includes expected amounts paid to Trust. The benefit payment amounts above reflect the total benefits expected to be paid from Trust.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) *(Dollars in Thousands)*

12. Retirement Plans (continued)

Defined-Contribution Plans

System entities participate in contributory and noncontributory defined-contribution plans covering all eligible associates. Employer automatic contributions, employee contributions, and employer matching contributions are the primary types of contributions to the plans. Benefits for employer automatic contributions are determined as a percentage of a participant's salary and, for certain entities, increases over specified periods of employee service. These benefits are funded annually, and participants become fully vested over a period of time. Employer matching contributions are determined as a percentage of an eligible participant's contributions each payroll period. These benefits are funded each payroll period, and participants become fully vested in these employer contributions over time. Expenses for the defined-contribution plans were \$458,390 and \$436,930 for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and are included in employee benefits in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Changes in Net Assets.

13. Self Insurance Program

Ascension entities are self-insured through grantor trusts and Ascension Health Insurance, LTD. (AHIL), a captive insurance company and direct subsidiary of Ascension Risk Services LLC. The grantor trusts provide funding for claims within the self-insured retentions. Actuarially determined amounts, discounted at 5.5%, are contributed to the trust funds to provide for the estimated cost of claims. The associated loss reserves recorded for estimated self-insured professional, general liability, and workers' compensation claims include estimates of the ultimate costs for both reported claims and claims incurred but not reported.

For certain entities acquired by Ascension in 2018, loss reserves for estimated self-insured professional, general liability, and workers' compensation claims reported prior to July 1, 2018 were actuarially determined and are recorded on an undiscounted basis at June 30, 2023. These reserves are held outside of the grantor trust. The self-insured professional and general liabilities for these claims are retained up to \$10,000 per occurrence with no aggregate and an additional \$10,000 in aggregate. Additionally, reinsurance up to \$150,000 in aggregate exists beyond these limits.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) *(Dollars in Thousands)*

13. Self Insurance Program (continued)

Professional and General Liability Programs

Professional and general liability coverage is primarily provided on a claims-made basis through a wholly owned onshore revocable trust and through AHIL. For the current policy year ended June 30, 2023, the revocable trust has a self-insured retention up to \$25,000 per occurrence with no aggregate. Excess coverage is provided through AHIL with limits up to \$225,000. The excess coverage of \$225,000 is primarily reinsured by commercial carriers, with the exception of AHIL which retains \$11,750.

Employed physicians and certain entities in the states of Indiana and Kansas are provided coverage by ProAssurance Corporation (ProAssurance) on a fronted basis and are reinsured through AHIL. These entities and physicians are provided professional liability coverage with limits in compliance with participation in the state-specific Patient Compensation Fund programs.

Sunflower Assurance, Ltd. (Sunflower), a captive insurance company and wholly owned subsidiary of Ascension Risk Services LLC, offers physician professional liability coverage through insurance or reinsurance arrangements to non-employed physicians practicing at various facilities of the System. Coverage is offered to physicians with limits ranging from \$100 per claim to \$1,000 per claim with various aggregate limits.

Included in operating expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Changes in Net Assets is professional and general liability claim and insurance expense of \$619,249 and \$290,681 for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Included in current and long-term self-insurance liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets are professional and general liability loss reserves, of \$1,299,393 and \$956,279 at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Included in other current and long-term assets on the Consolidated Balance Sheets are reinsurance receivables of \$126,692 and \$23,927 at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Workers' Compensation

Workers' compensation coverage is primarily provided on an occurrence basis through a grantor trust. The self-insured trust provides coverage up to \$1,500 per occurrence with no aggregate. The trust provides a mechanism for funding the workers' compensation obligations of its members.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

13. Self Insurance Program (continued)

Included in employee benefits in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Changes in Net Assets is workers' compensation claim and insurance expense of \$38,963 and \$40,048 for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Included in current and long-term self-insurance liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets are workers' compensation loss reserves of \$155,442 and \$162,386 at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

14. Related Parties

The System has agreements with related parties for revenue cycle management services and clinical engineering services. The System expensed approximately \$1,278,000 and \$1,256,000 for these services during the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022. During the year ended June 30, 2022, the System realized a gain of approximately \$330,000 on its clinical engineering services investment, which is included in Other Operating Revenue.

15. Contingencies and Commitments

Ascension, like other healthcare organizations, periodically undergoes investigations or audits by federal, state and local agencies involving compliance with a variety of laws and regulations arising in the ordinary course of business. These investigations generally seek to determine compliance with, among other things, laws and regulations relating to Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement, including billing practices for certain services. To support compliance with these laws and regulations, Ascension maintains a compliance program designed to prevent, proactively detect, and correct potential violations of laws and regulations. Also, the System is periodically involved in litigation arising in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, these investigations and litigation matters are expected to be resolved without a material adverse effect to Ascension's financial position or liquidity.

The System enters into agreements with non-employed physicians that include minimum revenue guarantees. The terms of the guarantees vary. The maximum amount of future payments that the System could be required to make under these guarantees is approximately \$4,300.

The System has entered into Master Service Agreements for information technology services provided by third parties, under which future committed payments of approximately \$657,300 will be made over the next 2 to 5 years.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (Dollars in Thousands)

15. Contingencies and Commitments (continued)

Guarantees and other commitments represent contingent commitments issued by Ascension Health Alliance Senior and Subordinate Credit Groups, generally to guarantee the performance of an affiliate to a third party in borrowing arrangements such as commercial paper issuances, bond financing, and other transactions. The terms of guarantees are equal to the terms of the related debt, which can be as long as 16 years.

The following represents the remaining guarantees and other commitments of the Senior and Subordinate Credit Groups at June 30, 2023:

St. Vincent de Paul Series 2000 A debt guarantee	\$	28,300
Other guarantees and commitments		95,210

16. Functional Expenses

Ascension provides healthcare services, including inpatient, outpatient, ambulatory, long-term care and community-based services. Management support services include information technology, finance and accounting, revenue cycle, public relations, human resources, legal, supply chain, risk management, compliance, administration and other functions. Expenses are allocated to healthcare services and management support services based on the functional department for which they are incurred. Departmental expenses may include various allocations of costs based on direct assignment, expenses or other methods.

Expenses by functional classification for the year ended June 30, 2023 consist of the following:

	Health care services	Management support services	Total
Salaries, wages, and employee benefits	\$ 13,146,373	\$ 1,103,711	\$ 14,250,084
Purchased services and professional fees	3,994,001	1,317,333	5,311,334
Supplies	4,053,104	6,463	4,059,567
Other	5,888,121	437,298	6,325,419
Total operating expenses	\$ 27,081,599	\$ 2,864,805	\$ 29,946,404

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)
(Dollars in Thousands)

16. Functional Expenses (continued)

Expenses by functional classification for the year ended June 30, 2022 consist of the following:

	Health care services	Management support services	Total
Salaries, wages, and employee benefits	\$ 13,445,671	\$ 997,076	\$ 14,442,747
Purchased services and professional fees	3,401,338	1,279,963	4,681,301
Supplies	4,135,717	5,815	4,141,532
Other	5,130,350	378,388	5,508,738
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 26,113,076</u>	<u>\$ 2,661,242</u>	<u>\$ 28,774,318</u>

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Report of Independent Auditors on Supplementary Information

The Board of Directors
Ascension Health Alliance d/b/a Ascension

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole. The accompanying Schedules of Net Cost of Providing Care of Persons Living in Poverty and Other Community Benefit Programs, Credit Group Financial Statements – Balance Sheet, Credit Group Financial Statements – Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets, and the related notes to the Credit Group Financial Statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the 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 consolidated financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the consolidated financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated financial statements as a whole.

Ernst + Young LLP

September 13, 2023

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Schedule of Net Cost of Providing Care of Persons
Living in Poverty and Other Community Benefit Programs
(Dollars in Thousands)

The net cost of providing care to persons living in poverty and other community benefit programs is as follows:

	The years ended	
	June 30,	
	2023	2022
Traditional charity care provided	\$ 517,090	\$ 547,099
Unpaid cost of public programs for persons living in poverty	1,141,223	1,244,017
Other programs for persons living in poverty and other persons who are vulnerable	93,244	77,993
Community benefit programs	431,902	385,345
Care of persons living in poverty and other community benefit programs	<u>\$ 2,183,459</u>	<u>\$ 2,254,454</u>

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Credit Group Financial Statements
 Balance Sheet
(Dollars in Thousands)

	June 30,
	2023
Assets	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 460,770
Short-term investments	51,127
Accounts receivable	2,355,874
Inventories	354,556
Estimated third-party payor settlements	132,865
Due from affiliates <i>(See Note 2)</i>	997,055
Other	732,320
Total current assets	<u>5,084,567</u>
Long-term investments	16,281,168
Property and equipment, net	7,798,623
Other assets:	
Right-of-use assets - leases	887,499
Investment in unconsolidated entities	1,196,749
Capitalized software costs, net	530,308
Due from affiliates <i>(See Note 2)</i>	2,814,017
Other	1,254,300
Total other assets	<u>6,682,873</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 35,847,231</u></u>

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Credit Group Financial Statements Balance Sheet *(Dollars in Thousands)*

	June 30, 2023
Liabilities and net assets	
Current liabilities:	
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 121,125
Long-term debt subject to short-term remarketing arrangements*	471,425
Current portion of lease obligations	269,089
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	2,331,910
Estimated third-party payor settlements	193,441
Due to affiliates <i>(See Note 2)</i>	229,792
Other	303,039
Total current liabilities	3,919,821
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Long-term debt (senior and subordinated)	6,320,557
Lease obligations, less current portion	649,658
Pension and other postretirement liabilities	430,036
Other	1,306,114
Total noncurrent liabilities	8,706,365
Total liabilities	12,626,186
Net assets:	
Without donor restrictions:	
Controlling interest	22,057,551
Noncontrolling interests	469,833
Total net assets without donor restrictions	22,527,384
Net assets with donor restrictions	693,661
Total net assets	23,221,045
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 35,847,231

*Consists of variable rate demand bonds with put options that may be exercised at the option of the bondholders, with stated repayment installments through 2047, as well as certain serial mode bonds with scheduled remarketing/mandatory tender dates occurring prior to June 31, 2024. In the event that bonds are not remarketed upon the exercise of put options for the variable bonds or scheduled mandatory tender bonds, management would utilize other sources to access the necessary liquidity. Potential sources include a drawdown on the System's line of credit, issuing commercial paper, and liquidating investments.

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Credit Group Financial Statements Statements of Operations and Changes in Net Assets (Dollars in Thousands)

	The year ended June 30, 2023
Operating revenue:	
Net patient service revenue	\$ 17,126,293
Other revenue <i>(See note 2)</i>	3,196,893
Total operating revenue	20,323,186
Operating expenses <i>(See note 2)</i> :	
Salaries and wages	7,809,264
Employee benefits	2,109,830
Purchased services	2,547,473
Professional fees	1,021,880
Supplies	2,774,265
Insurance	167,901
Interest	236,228
Provider tax	539,856
Depreciation and amortization	966,737
Other	2,400,034
Total operating expenses	20,573,468
Income (loss) from recurring operations	(250,282)
Impairment and nonrecurring gains (losses), net	(419,673)
Income (loss) from operations	(669,955)
Nonoperating gains (losses):	
Investment return, net	274,208
Other	94,510
Total nonoperating gains (losses), net	368,718
Excess (deficit) of revenues and gains over expenses and losses	(301,237)
Less noncontrolling interests	(9,746)
Excess (deficit) of revenues and gains over expenses and losses attributable to controlling interest	(291,491)

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Credit Group Financial Statements Statements of Operations and Changes in Net Assets (Dollars in Thousands)

	The year ended June 30, 2023
Net assets without donor restrictions, controlling interest:	
Excess (deficit) of revenues and gains over expenses and losses	\$ (291,491)
Transfers (to) from affiliates, net <i>(See Note 2)</i>	(1,943,491)
Net assets released from restrictions for property acquisitions	20,709
Pension and other postretirement liability adjustments	5,021
Change in unconsolidated entities' net assets	(44,162)
Other	6,340
	(2,247,074)
Increase (decrease) in net assets without donor restrictions, controlling interest	(2,247,074)
Net assets without donor restrictions, noncontrolling interest:	
Excess (deficit) of revenues and gains over expenses and losses	(9,746)
Net contributions (distributions) of capital	(51,019)
Contributions from business combinations	-
Other	3,059
	(57,706)
Increase (decrease) in net assets without donor restrictions, noncontrolling interest	(57,706)
Net assets with donor restrictions:	
Contributions and grants	100,864
Investment return	4,801
Net assets released from restrictions	(77,469)
Other	(5,225)
	22,971
Increase (decrease) in net assets with donor restrictions	22,971
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(2,281,809)
Net assets, beginning of period	25,502,854
Net assets, end of period	\$ 23,221,045

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Notes to Credit Group Financial Statements
(Dollars in Thousands)

1. Credit Group Financial Statements

Ascension's Credit Group Financial Statements (CGFS), presented above as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, were prepared in accordance with Section 3.10(b)(2)(c) of the Master Trust Indenture (MTI), which provides that the CGFS (1) shall include all Material Credit Group Members, which represent obligated group members and designated affiliates whose total net assets were equal to or greater than 90% of the consolidated net assets of the Credit Group; (2) at the option of Ascension, as Credit Group Representative, may include one or more Immaterial Affiliates, which are entities whose total net assets were less than 10% of the consolidated net assets of the Credit Group as shown on the CGFS; (3) at the option of Ascension, as Credit Group Representative, may exclude one or more Credit Group Members that are not Material Credit Group Members, as defined above; and (4) shall exclude all entities that are neither Credit Group Members nor Immaterial Affiliates. Consistent with these terms, the CGFS as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 include the results of all Material Credit Group Members and certain Immaterial Affiliates, and exclude the results of certain entities which are not Material Credit Group members as well as entities that are not Credit Group Members, such as Ascension risk entities which oversee Ascension's self-insurance programs, or Immaterial Affiliates.

Ascension's CGFS are not representative of the consolidated results of Ascension.

2. Affiliate Transactions

Amounts due to and from affiliates as presented in the Balance Sheet of the CGFS represent intercompany transactions between 1) Material Credit Group Members and Immaterial Affiliates (CGFS Entities) and 2) other entities that are included within the Ascension Consolidated Financial Statements whose results have been excluded from the CGFS (Non CGFS Entities), in accordance with Section 3.10(b)(2)(c) of the MTI as described in Note 1. These transactions are primarily related to centralized cash and debt functions within Ascension. Current Due from and to affiliates on the CGFS Balance Sheet and Transfers (to) from affiliates, net in the CGFS Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets primarily relate to payments made by or received from CGFS Entities on behalf of Non CGFS Entities, as well as transfers of certain restricted assets to Non CGFS Entities. Non-current Due from affiliates primarily represents the Non CGFS Entities' portion of Ascension's long-term debt, based on internal centralized debt agreements. These transactions are eliminated in consolidation within the Ascension Consolidated Financial Statements, but separately presented within the CGFS.

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Notes to Credit Group Financial Statements (continued)
(Dollars in Thousands)

2. Affiliate Transactions (continued)

Revenue and expense activities, not transacted at arms length, between CGFS Entities and Non CGFS Entities were both approximately \$1,960,000 for the year ended June 30, 2023. These transactions include services provided between CGFS Entities and Non CGFS Entities, including, but not limited to, shared service functions, participation in employee and dependent health insurance programs, participation in other risk management programs, participation in a centralized debt management program and other insurance services, and are included in Other Operating Revenue and various expense categories within the Statement of Operations of the CGFS.