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(A) For the calendar year, or tax year beginning 10/1/2024 and ending 9/30/2025				
(B) Check if applicable		(C) Name of organization	Hospital Authority of Monroe County	(D) Employer Identification Number
Address Change		Doing business as	Monroe County Hospital	58-6010602
Name Change		Number and street (or P.O. box if not delivered to street address	Room/suite	(E) Telephone Number
Initial Return		PO Box 1068		(478)994-2521
Final return/terminated		City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?
Amended return		Forsyth, GA 31029		No
Application pending		(F) Name and address of principal filer	Kim Ralls, Controller	H(b) Are all subordinates included?
		PO Box 1068 Forsyth, GA 31029		

		Yes/No
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If “Yes,” complete Schedule C, Part I	No
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If “Yes,” complete Schedule C, Part II	Yes
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If “Yes,” complete Schedule H	Yes
20b	If “Yes” to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	No
21	Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If “Yes,” complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	No
22	Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If “Yes,” complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	No
23	Did the organization answer “Yes” to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization’s current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If “Yes,” complete Schedule J	Yes
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If “Yes,” complete Schedule R, Part I	No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If “Yes,” complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	Yes
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	No
35b	If “Yes” to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If “Yes,” complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If “Yes,” complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If “Yes,” complete Schedule R, Part VI	No

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Part V	Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance			
				Yes/No
1a	Enter the number of reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1a	28	
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1b	0	
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winning to prize winners?		1c	N/A
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	186	
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?		2b	Yes
3a	year?		3a	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in the space provided below.		3b	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		4a	No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country. See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).	4b		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		5a	No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		5b	No
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		5c	
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than $100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		6a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		6b	
7	**Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c)**			
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of $75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		7a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		7b	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		7c	No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d		
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		7e	No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		7f	No
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		7g	N/A
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		7h	N/A
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		14a	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in the space provided below.		14b	
15	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than $1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year?		15	No

Part V	Additional Comments

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Part VI	**Governance, Management, and Disclosure.** For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in the space provided below.			
	Section A. Governing Body and Management			**Yes/No**
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	**1a**	7	
b	Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent	**1b**	6	
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		**2**	No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		**3**	Yes
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		**4**	No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		**5**	No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		**6**	No
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		**7a**	No
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		**7b**	No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:			
a	The governing body?		**8a**	Yes
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?		**8b**	Yes
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in the space provided below.		**9**	No
	Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)			
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		**10a**	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		**10b**	
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?		**11a**	No
b	Describe on in the space provided below the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form.			
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13		**12a**	Yes
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?		**12b**	Yes
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in the space provided below how this was done		**12c**	Yes
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		**13**	No
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?		**14**	Yes
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?			
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official. If "Yes" explain in space provided below.		**15a**	Yes
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization. I. If "Yes" explain in space provided below.		**15b**	Yes
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		**16a**	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		**16b**	
	Section C. Disclosure			
17	List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed	**17**	GA	
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.	**18**		
	Own Website			X
	Another's Website			
	Upon Request			
	Other (explain in space provided below.)			
19	Describe on in the space provided below whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.			

Part VI	Governance, Management, and Disclosure. For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in the space provided below.		
20	State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records.		
	Name		Kim Ralls
	Street Address - Line 1		PO Box 1068
	Street Address - Line 2		
	City		Forsyth
	State		Georgia
	Zip Code		31029
	Telephone Number		(478)394-6293

Part VI Additional Comments

Part VI, Line 12c - Enforcement of Conflicts Policy

The organization requires officers and directors to complete annual conflict of interest disclosures. Any disclosed potential conflicts are reviewed, and individuals with a conflict are required to recuse themselves from discussions and decisions related to the disclosed matter in accordance with the organization's conflict of interest policy.

Part VI, Line 15a & 15b - Compensation Process for Top Official

The Human Resources Director obtains a market survey provided by the Georgia Hospital Association annually. Compensation is reviewed using the GHA salary survey and considered in light of the individual's role and responsibilities. The compensation review process involves the Interim Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Hospital Administrator, and Human Resources. Compensation determinations are made based on this review and approved in accordance with the organization's established compensation practices.

Part VI, Line 19- Governing Documents Disclosure- Availability
The organization makes available to the public its governing documents by providing copies upon request, and by inspection at the administrative offices of the organization.

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

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

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

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See the instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than $100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than $100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** directors or trustees that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than $10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

Respond "No" if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

	(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours related to organizations below dotted line)	(C) Positions (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related
			Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1)	Chris Hewett	1.00									
	Chariman		X		X						
(2)	Craig Caldwell, MD	1.00									
	Vice Chair		X		X				$ 15,000.00		
(3)	Kerri Swearingen	1.00									
	Secretary/Treasurer		X		X						
(4)	Stan Hall	1.00									
	Board Member		X								
(5)	Dennis Kent	1.00									
	Board Member		X								
(6)	Janet Freeman	1.00									
	Board Member		X								
(7)	Diane Soule	1.00									
	Board Member		X								
(8)	Kerry Trapnell	40.00									
	Interim CEO				X				$ -		$ -
(9)	Megan Randall	40.00									
	Chief Operating Officer				X				$ 121,115.00		$ 10,309.00
(10)	Casey Fleckenstein	40.00									
	Chief Nursing Officer				X				$ 119,535.00		$ 10,322.00
(11)	Shawnelle Lupton	40.00									
	OR Consultant						X		$ 158,506.00		$ 6,842.00
(12)	Amanda Woods	40.00									
	Nurse Manager						X		$ 115,959.00		$ 7,809.00
(13)	Chemelle Ralls	40.00									
	Controller						X		$ 109,392.00		$ 10,101.00
(14)	Audra Cargle	40.00									
	Respiratory Therapy Manager						X		$ 108,305.00		$ 1,574.00
(15)											
(16)											
(17)											
(18)											
(19)											

Part VII	Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors										
(20)											
(21)											
(22)											
(23)											
(24)											
(25)											
1b	Subtotal								$ 747,812.00	$ -	$ 46,957.00
c	Total from contribution sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d	Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								$ 747,812.00	$ -	$ 46,957.00

2	Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization		6
			Yes/No
3	Did the organization list any former officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If “Yes,” complete Schedule J for such individual	3	No
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than $150,000? If “Yes,” complete Schedule J for such individual	4	Yes
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If “Yes,” complete Schedule J for such p	5	No

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Part VII	Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors		
	Section B. Independent Contractors		
1	Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.		
	(A) Name and business address	**(B)** Description of services	**(C)** Compensation
	Aletheia Healthcare Partners 1080 Experiment Stations Rd Watkinsville, GA 30677	Management	$ 703,622.00
	Therapas LLC 132 Fairway Run Forsyth, GA 31029	Staffing	$ 657,118.00
	ASA Healthcare 2407 Westgate Dr Albany, GA 31707	Staffing	$ 644,458.00
	Howard ENT & Investments, LLC 1700 Norman Deloach Rd Claxton, GA 30417	Management Consulting	$ 638,843.00
	Morrison Healthcare PO Box 102289 Atlanta, GA 30368	Staffing	$ 574,067.00
2	Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization		12

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Schedule C	**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities** For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under Section 501(c) and Section 527		
	Complete if the organization is described below.		
	Name of organization Hospital Authority of Monroe County	Employer identification number (EIN) 58-6010602	
Part I-A	**Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.**		
1	Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV. See instructions for definition of "political campaign activities."		
2	Political campaign activity expenditures. See instructions		
3	Volunteer hours for political campaign activities. See instructions		
Part I-B	**Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).**		
1	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955		
2	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955		
3	If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?		
4a	Was a correction made?		
b	If "Yes," describe in Part IV		
Part II-B	**Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**		
	For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.	**Yes/No**	**Amount**
1	During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:		
a	Volunteers?		
b	Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?		
c	Media advertisements?		
d	Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		
e	Publications, or published or broadcast statements?		
f	Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		
g	Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?		
h	Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?		
i	Other activities? Georgia Hospital Association Membership Dues	Yes	$ 5,360
j	Total. Add lines 1c through 1i		$ 5,360
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to not be described in section 501(c)(3)?	No	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912		
c	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912		
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?		

Schedule C, Part II-B, Line 1
The hospital pays membership dues to national and state organizations. A portion of those dues is allocated to lobbying activities in which those organizations participate.

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Schedule H **Hospitals**

Name of organization	Employer identification number (EIN)
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Part I **Financial Assistance and Certain Other Community Benefits at Cost**

1a	Did the organization have a financial assistance policy (FAP) during the tax year? If "No," skip to question 6a		1a	Yes
b	If "Yes," was it a written policy?		1b	Yes
2	If the organization had multiple hospital facilities, indicate which of the following best describes application of the FAP to its various hospital facilities during the tax year:			
	Applied uniformly to all hospital facilities	X		
	Applied uniformly to most hospital facilities			
	Generally tailored to individual hospital facilities			
3	Answer the following based on the financial assistance eligibility criteria that applied to the largest number of the organization's patients during the tax year			
a	Did the organization use federal poverty guidelines (FPG) as a factor in determining eligibility for providing free care? If "Yes," indicate which of the following was the FPG family income limit for eligibility for free care:		3a	Yes
	100%			
	150%			
	200%			
	Other	X	125%	
b	Did the organization use FPG as a factor in determining eligibility for providing discounted care? If "Yes," indicate which of the following was the family income limit for eligibility for discounted care:		3b	Yes
	200%	X		
	250%			
	300%			
	350%			
	400%			
	Other		125 - 200%	
c	If the organization used factors other than FPG in determining eligibility, describe in Part VI the criteria used for determining eligibility for free or discounted care. Include in the description whether the organization used an asset test or other threshold, regardless of income, as a factor in determining eligibility for free or discounted care.			
4	Did the organization's FAP that applied to the largest number of its patients during the tax year provide for free or discounted care to the "medically indigent"?		4	Yes
5a	Did the organization budget amounts for free or discounted care provided under its FAP during the tax year?		5a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization's financial assistance expenses exceed the budgeted amount?		5b	
c	If "Yes" to line 5b, as a result of budget considerations, was the organization unable to provide free or discounted care to a patient who was eligible for free or discounted care?		5c	
6a	Did the organization prepare a community benefit report during the tax year?		6a	Yes
b	If "Yes," did the organization make it available to the public?		6b	Yes

Complete the following table using the worksheets provided in the Schedule H instructions. Do not submit these worksheets with the Schedule H.

7	Financial Assistance and Certain Other Community Benefits at Cost	(a) Number of activities or programs (optional)	(b) Persons served (optional)	(c) Total community benefit expense	(d) Direct offsetting revenue	(e) Net community benefit expense	(f) Percent of total expense
	Financial Assistance and Means-Tested Government Programs						
a	Financial assistance at cost (from Worksheet 1)			$ 1,949,415.00		$ 1,949,415.00	9.994%
b	Medicaid (from Worksheet 3, column a)			$ 1,826,337.00	$ 1,892,938.00	$ (66,601.00)	-0.341%
c	Costs of other means-tested government programs (from Worksheet 3, column b)			$ -	$ -	$ -	0.000%
d	**Total.** Financial assistance and means-tested government programs	$ -	$ -	$ 3,775,752.00	$ 1,892,938.00	$ 1,882,814.00	10%
	Other Benefits						
e	Community health improvement services and community benefit operations (from Worksheet 4)						
f	Health professions education (from Worksheet 5)						
g	Subsidized health services (from Worksheet 6)						
h	Research (from Worksheet 7)						
i	Cash and in-kind contributions for community benefit (from Worksheet 8)						
j	**Total.** Other benefits	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	0%
k	**Total.** Add lines 7d and 7j	$ -	$ -	$ 3,775,752.00	$ 1,892,938.00	$ 1,882,814.00	10%

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

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

Part III **Bad Debt, Medicare, & Collection Practices**

Section A. Bad Debt Expense

1	Did the organization report bad debt expense in accordance with Healthcare Financial Management Association Statement No. 15?		1	Yes
2	Enter the amount of the organization's bad debt expense. Explain in Part VI the methodology used by the organization to estimate this amount	2	$ 1,101,714.00	
3	Enter the estimated amount of the organization's bad debt expense attributable to patients eligible under the organization's FAP. Explain in Part VI the methodology used by the organization to estimate this amount and the rationale, if any, for including this portion of bad debt as community benefit	3		
4	Provide in Part VI the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes bad debt expense or the page number on which this footnote is contained in the attached financial statements.			

Section B. Medicare

5	Enter total revenue received from Medicare (including DSH and IME)	5	$ 4,132,017.00	
6	Enter Medicare allowable costs of care relating to payments on line 5	6	$ 4,170,443.00	
7	Subtract line 6 from line 5. This is the surplus (or shortfall)	7	$ (38,426.00)	
8	Describe in Part VI the extent to which any shortfall reported on line 7 should be treated as community benefit. Also describe in Part VI the costing methodology or source used to determine the amount reported on line 6. Check the box that describes the method used:			
	Cost accounting system			
	Cost to charge ratio			
	Other	X		

Section C. Collection Practices

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

Part IV **Management Companies and Joint Ventures** (owned 10% or more by officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and physicians—see instructions)

	(a) Name of Entity	(b) Description of primary activity of entity	(c) Organization's profit % or stock ownership %	(d) Officers', directors', trustees', or key employees' profit % or stock ownership %	(e) Physicians' profit % or stock ownership %
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Part V **Facility Information**

Section A. Hospital Facilities (list in order of size, from largest to smallest—see instructions)

How many hospital facilities did the organization operate during the tax year? 1

	Name, address, primary website address, and state license number (and if a group return, the name and EIN of the subordinate hospital organization that operates the hospital facility):	Licensed hospital	General medical & surgical	Children's hospital	Critical access hospital	Research facility	ER-24 hours	ER-Other	Other (describe)	Facility reporting group
1	Hospital Authority of Monroe County PO Box 1068 Forsyth, GA 31029 58-6010602	X			X		X		Swingbeds, SNF	

Schedule H	Hospitals									
	www.monroehospital.org 102121									
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Section D. Other Health Care Facilities That Are Not Licensed, Registered, or Similarly Recognized as a Hospital Facility (list in order of size, from largest to smallest)

How many non-hospital health care facilities did the organization operate during the tax year? 0

	Name and address	Type of facility (describe)
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Part VI	Supplemental Information
	Provide the following information in the space provided below
1	**Required descriptions.** Provide the descriptions required for Part I, lines 3c, 6a, and 7; Part II and Part III, lines 2, 3, 4, 8, and 9b
2	**Needs assessment.** Describe how the organization assesses the health care needs of the communities it serves, in addition to any CHNAs reported in Part V, Section B.
3	**Patient education of eligibility for assistance.** Describe how the organization informs and educates patients and persons who may be billed for patient care about their eligibility for assistance under federal, state, or local government programs or under the organization's FAP.
4	**Community information.** Describe the community the organization serves, taking into account the geographic area and demographic constituents it serves.
5	**Promotion of community health.** Provide any other information important to describing how the organization's hospital facilities or other health care facilities further its exempt purpose by promoting the health of the community (for example, open medical staff, community board, use of surplus funds, etc.).
6	**Affiliated health care system.** If the organization is part of an affiliated health care system, describe the respective roles of the organization and its affiliates in promoting the health of the communities served.
7	**State filing of community benefit report.** If applicable, identify all states with which the organization, or a related organization, files a community benefit report.

Part I, Line 3c - Other Income Based Criteria For Free or Discounted Care
The hospital's Financial Assistance Policy uses Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) as the primary factor in determining eligibility for free and discounted care. Patients with household income at or below 125% of FPG are eligible for free care, and patients with income above 125% and up to 200% of FPG are eligible for discounted care under a sliding fee scale. In addition to income, the organization applies an asset test based on Georgia Medicaid resource limits and does not provide financial assistance to individuals with liquid assets in excess of $2,000, regardless of income.

Part III, Line 2 - Bad Debt Expense Methodology
Amounts included on Part III Line 2 represents the amount of charges considered uncollectible after reasonable attempts to collect, and written off to bad debt expense.

Part III, Line 4 - Bad Debt Expense Footnote to Statements
The Authority provides an allowance for doubtful accounts based on the evaluation of the overall collectability of the accounts receivable. As accounts are known to be uncollectible, the accounts are charged against the allowance.

Part III, Line 8 - Medicare Explanation
Medicare allowable costs are computed in accordance with cost reporting methodologies utilized on the Medicare Cost Report and in accordance with related regulations. Indirect costs are allocated to direct service areas using the most appropriate statistical basis.

Part III, Line 9b - Collection Practices Explanation
The hospital provides care to patients who meet eligibility criteria under its Financial Assistance Policy either without charge or at discounted amounts. Accounts determined to qualify for financial assistance are not subject to extraordinary collection actions and are not pursued through standard collection processes. Amounts approved as financial assistance are adjusted in accordance with the Financial Assistance Policy and are not reported as patient service revenue.

Part VI, Line 2 - Needs Assessment
Monroe County Hospital assesses the health care needs of the communities it serves through ongoing review of internal utilization data patient demographics and service line activity as well as collaboration with local health departments, school systems, and community organizations. In addition to conducting a formal community health needs assessment every three years, the hospital considers community feedback population trends and access to care challenges associated with serving of rural population and evaluating healthcare needs and planning services.

Part VI, Line 3 - Patient Education of Eligibility for Assistance
Monroe County Hospital maintains a written financial assistance policy that describes eligibility criteria and the availability of free or discounted care for medically necessary services. Information regarding financial assistance is made available through signage and patient access areas, written materials provided at or following the time of service, and communication during the billing and collections process. Patients or persons responsible for payment may request financial assistance at any time, and hospital staff are available to explain eligibility and the application.

Schedule H Hospitals

Part VI, Line 4 - Community Information

The hospital serves Monroe County and surrounding rural communities in central Georgia, with its primary service area centered in Forsyth, Georgia. The hospital services a largely rural population of approximately 29,000 residents. The community includes a significant elderly population, with approximately 20% of residents over the age of 65. The demographic composition of the service area is approximately 76% White, 20% Black, 2% Hispanic, and 2% other populations. Approximately 13% of the population lives below the federal poverty level, indicating a continued need for access to affordable healthcare and financial assistance services. As a 25-bed critical access hospital, Monroe County Hospital plays a key role in providing local access to inpatient, outpatient, and emergency care for this rural community.

Part VI, Line 5 - Promotion of Community Health

Monroe County Hospital promotes community health by providing essential inpatient, outpatient, and emergency services to a rural population regardless of ability to pay. The hospital maintains 24-hour emergency department access and collaborates with local EMS, public health agencies, and community partners to support emergency preparedness and public health initiatives. Consistent with priorities identified in the community health needs assessment, the hospital focuses on improving access to care, supporting health education and promotion, and strengthening organizational capacity to address community health needs through partnerships and grant-supported initiatives.

Part VI, Line 7 - State Filing of Community Benefit Report

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Part V	**Facility Information**			
	Section B. Facility Policies and Practices (complete a separate Section B for each of the hospital facilities or facility reporting groups listed in Part V, Section A)			
	Name of hospital facility or letter of facility reporting group:			Hospital Authority of Monroe County
	Line number of hospital facility, or line numbers of hospital facilities in a facility reporting group **(from Part V, Section A)**			1
	Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA)			**Yes/No**
1	Was the hospital facility first licensed, registered, or similarly recognized by a state as a hospital facility in the current tax year or the immediately preceding tax year?		**1**	No
2	Was the hospital facility acquired or placed into service as a tax-exempt hospital in the current tax year or the immediately preceding tax year? If "Yes," provide details of the acquisition in Section C		**2**	No
3	During the tax year or either of the 2 immediately preceding tax years, did the hospital facility conduct a CHNA? If "No," skip to line 12. If "Yes," indicate what the CHNA report describes (check all that apply):		**3**	Yes
a	A definition of the community served by the hospital facility	**3a**	X	
b	Demographics of the community	**3b**	X	
c	Existing health care facilities and resources within the community that are available to respond to the health needs of the community	**3c**	X	
d	How data was obtained	**3d**	X	
e	The significant health needs of the community	**3e**	X	
f	Primary and chronic disease needs and other health issues of uninsured persons, low-income persons, and minority groups	**3f**	X	
g	The process for identifying and prioritizing community health needs and services to meet the community health needs	**3g**	X	
h	The process for consulting with persons representing the community's interests	**3h**	X	
i	The impact of any actions taken to address the significant health needs identified in the hospital facility's prior CHNA	**3i**	X	
j	Other (describe in Section C)	**3j**		
4	Indicate the tax year the hospital facility last conducted a CHNA:		**4**	2025
5	In conducting its most recent CHNA, did the hospital facility take into account input from persons who represent the broad interests of the community served by the hospital facility, including those with special knowledge of or expertise in public health? If "Yes," describe in Section C how the hospital facility took into account input from persons who represent the community, and identify the persons the hospital facility consulted		**5**	Yes
6a	Was the hospital facility's CHNA conducted with one or more other hospital facilities? If "Yes," list the other hospital facilities in Section C		**6a**	No
b	Was the hospital facility's CHNA conducted with one or more organizations other than hospital facilities? If "Yes," list the other organizations in Section C		**6b**	Yes
7	Did the hospital facility make its CHNA report widely available to the public? If "Yes," indicate how the CHNA report was made widely available (check all that apply):		**7**	Yes
a	Hospital facility's website (list url)	**7a**	X	www.monroehospital.org
b	Other website (list url):	**7b**		
c	Made a paper copy available for public inspection without charge at the hospital facility	**7c**	X	
d	Other (describe in Section C)	**7d**		

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8	Did the hospital facility adopt an implementation strategy to meet the significant community health needs identified through its most recently conducted CHNA? If "No," skip to line 11		8	Yes
9	Indicate the tax year the hospital facility last adopted an implementation strategy: 20		9	2025
10	Is the hospital facility's most recently adopted implementation strategy posted on a website?		10	Yes
a	If "Yes," list url:	10a		www.monroehospital.org
b	If "No," is the hospital facility's most recently adopted implementation strategy attached to this return?		10b	
11	Describe in Section C how the hospital facility is addressing the significant needs identified in its most recently conducted CHNA and any such needs that are not being addressed together with the reasons why such needs are not being addressed.			
12a	Did the organization incur an excise tax under section 4959 for the hospital facility's failure to conduct a CHNA as required by section 501(r)(3)?		12a	No
b	If "Yes" to line 12a, did the organization file Form 4720 to report the section 4959 excise tax?		12b	
c	If "Yes" to line 12b, what is the total amount of section 4959 excise tax the organization reported on Form 4720 for all of its hospital facilities?			
	Financial Assistance Policy (FAP)			
	Name of hospital facility or letter of facility reporting group:	Hospital Authority of Monroe County		
	Did the hospital facility have in place during the tax year a written FAP that:			
13	Explained eligibility criteria for financial assistance, and whether such assistance included free or discounted care? 13 If "Yes," indicate the eligibility criteria explained in the FAP:		13	Yes
a	FPG, with FPG family income limit for eligibility for free care of and FPG family income limit	13a	X	125%
	for eligibility for discounted care of			125-200%
b	Income level other than FPG (describe in Section C below)	13b		
c	Asset level	13c	X	
d	Medical indigency	13d	X	
e	Insurance status	13e	X	
f	Underinsurance status	13f	X	
g	Residency	13g		
h	Other (describe in Section C below)	13h		
14	Explained the basis for calculating amounts charged to patients?		14	Yes
15	Explained the method for applying for financial assistance? If "Yes," indicate how the hospital facility's FAP or FAP application form (including accompanying instructions) explained the method for applying for financial assistance (check all that apply):		15	Yes
a	Described the information the hospital facility may require an individual to provide as part of their application	15a	X	
b	Described the supporting documentation the hospital facility may require an individual to submit as part of their application	15b	X	
c	Provided the contact information of hospital facility staff who can provide an individual with information about the FAP and FAP application process	15c	X	
d	Provided the contact information of nonprofit organizations or government agencies that may be sources of assistance with FAP applications	15d	X	
e	Other (describe in Section C below)	15e		
16	Was widely publicized within the community served by the hospital facility? If "Yes," indicate how the hospital facility publicized the policy (check all that apply):		16	Yes
a	The FAP was widely available on a website (list url):	16a	X	www.monroehospital.org
b	The FAP application form was widely available on a website (list url):	16b	X	www.monroehospital.org
c	A plain language summary of the FAP was widely available on a website (list url):	16c	X	www.monroehospital.org
d	The FAP was available upon request and without charge (in public locations in the hospital facility and by mail)	16d	X	

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e	The FAP application form was available upon request and without charge (in public locations in the hospital facility and by mail)	**16e**	X	
f	A plain language summary of the FAP was available upon request and without charge (in public locations in the hospital facility and by mail)	**16f**	X	
g	Individuals were notified about the FAP by being offered a paper copy of the plain language summary of the FAP, by receiving a conspicuous written notice about the FAP on their billing statements, and via conspicuous public displays or other measures reasonably calculated to attract patients' attention	**16g**	X	
h	Notified members of the community who are most likely to require financial assistance about availability of the FAP	**16h**	X	
i	The FAP, FAP application form, and plain language summary of the FAP were translated into the primary language(s) spoken by limited-English proficiency (LEP) populations	**16i**	X	
j	Other (describe in Section C below)	**16j**		
	Billing and Collections			
	Name of hospital facility or letter of facility reporting group:		Hospital Authority of Monroe County	
17	Did the hospital facility have in place during the tax year a separate billing and collections policy, or a written FAP that explained all of the actions the hospital facility or other authorized party may take upon nonpayment?		**17**	Yes
18	Check all of the following actions against an individual that were permitted under the hospital facility's policies during the tax year before making reasonable efforts to determine the individual's eligibility under the facility's FAP:		**18**	
a	Reporting to credit agency(ies)	**18a**		
b	Selling an individual's debt to another party	**18b**		
c	Deferring, denying, or requiring a payment before providing medically necessary care due to nonpayment of a previous bill for care covered under the hospital facility's FAP	**18c**		
d	Actions that require a legal or judicial process	**18d**		
e	Other similar actions (describe in Section C)	**18e**		
f	None of these actions or other similar actions were permitted	**18f**	X	
19	Did the hospital facility or other authorized party perform any of the following actions during the tax year before making reasonable efforts to determine the individual's eligibility under the facility's FAP? If "Yes," check all actions in which the hospital facility or a third party engaged:		**19**	No
a	Reporting to credit agency(ies)	**19a**		
b	Selling an individual's debt to another party	**19b**		
c	Deferring, denying, or requiring a payment before providing medically necessary care due to nonpayment of a previous bill for care covered under the hospital facility's FAP	**19c**		
d	Actions that require a legal or judicial process	**19d**		
e	Other similar actions (describe in Section C)	**19e**		
20	Indicate which efforts the hospital facility or other authorized party made before initiating any of the actions listed (whether or not checked) on line 19 (check all that apply):			
a	Provided a written notice about upcoming extraordinary collection actions (ECAs) and a plain language summary of the FAP at least 30 days before initiating those ECAs (if not, describe in Section C)		**20a**	Yes
b	Made a reasonable effort to orally notify individuals about the FAP and FAP application process (if not, describe in Section C)		**20b**	Yes
c	Processed incomplete and complete FAP applications (if not, describe in Section C)		**20c**	Yes
d	Made presumptive eligibility determinations (if not, describe in Section C)		**20d**	No
e	Other (describe in Section C)		**20e**	No
f	None of these efforts were made		**20f**	No
	Policy Relating to Emergency Medical Care			

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21	Did the hospital facility have in place during the tax year a written policy relating to emergency medical care that required the hospital facility to provide, without discrimination, care for emergency medical conditions to individuals regardless of their eligibility under the hospital facility's FAP? If "No," indicate why:		21	Yes
a	The hospital facility did not provide care for any emergency medical conditions	21a		
b	The hospital facility's policy was not in writing	21b		
c	The hospital facility limited who was eligible to receive care for emergency medical conditions (describe in Section C)	21c		
d	Other (describe in Section C)	21d		
	Charges to Individuals Eligible for Assistance Under the FAP (FAP-Eligible Individuals)			
	Name of hospital facility or letter of facility reporting group:	Hospital Authority of Monroe County		
22	Indicate how the hospital facility determined, during the tax year, the maximum amounts that can be charged to FAP-eligible individuals for emergency or other medically necessary care:		22	Yes
a	The hospital facility used a look-back method based on claims allowed by Medicare fee-for-service during a prior 12-month period	22a		
b	The hospital facility used a look-back method based on claims allowed by Medicare fee-for-service and all private health insurers that pay claims to the hospital facility during a prior 12-month period	22b		
c	The hospital facility used a look-back method based on claims allowed by Medicaid, either alone or in combination with Medicare fee-for-service and all private health insurers that pay claims to the hospital facility during a prior 12-month period	22c		
d	The hospital facility used a prospective Medicare or Medicaid method	22d	X	
23	During the tax year, did the hospital facility charge any FAP-eligible individual to whom the hospital facility provided emergency or other medically necessary services more than the amounts generally billed to individuals who had insurance covering such care? If "Yes," explain in Section C		23	No
24	During the tax year, did the hospital facility charge any FAP-eligible individual an amount equal to the gross charge for any service provided to that individual? If "Yes," explain in Section C		24	No

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

Schedule H, Part V, Section C

Facility 1, Monroe County Hospital - Part V, Line 3e

The process of prioritizing the significant health needs of the community is described on pages 4 of the 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment, which is available on the organization's website.

Line 6

The hospital's CHNA was conducted with assistance from Georgia Southern University's Center for Public Health Practice & Research and Draffin Tucker.

Line 5

In conducting its most recent Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), Monroe County Hospital took into account input from persons who represent the broad interest of the community it serves, including individuals with special knowledge of public health and community needs. Community input was obtained through a combination of stakeholder focus groups and a community survey administered throughout Monroe County. The CHNA Steering Committee included hospital leadership and a representative from the Monroe County Health Department, who participated in the assessment process and provided public health expertise . Additional input was gathered from community stakeholders and residents through focus group discussions and surveys designed to capture perspectives from diverse populations, including underserved and vulnerable groups. Information obtained from these community input efforts, together with the secondary public health data from state and national sources, was used to identify and prioritize significant community health needs within the hospital's service area.

Line 11

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Part V	Facility Information

As a result of the 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment CHNA, the categories of community health needs and priorities were identified for Monroe County Hospital:
1. Mental and Behavioral Health
2. Community Health & Wellness
3. Service Awareness Campaign

These priority areas were selected by the CHNA Steering Committee based on analysis of community survey results, stakeholder focus groups, and secondary public health data, and were determined to be areas where the hospital could have the most meaningful impact given its role and available resources. All identified priority areas are addressed in Monroe County Hospitals Implementation Strategy report.

Line 20D

The hospital does not use presumptive eligibility determinations. Financial assistance eligibility is determined based on a completed application and supporting documentation provided by the patient, in accordance with the hospital's Financial Assistance Policy.

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Schedule J	Compensation Information		
	Name of organization	Employer identification number (EIN)	
	Hospital Authority of Monroe County	58-6010602	
Part I	**Questions Regarding Compensation**		
			Yes/No
1a	Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items		
	First-class or charter travel		
	Travel for companions		
	Tax indemnification and gross-up payments		
	Discretionary spending account		
	Housing allowance or residence for personal use		
	Payments for business use of personal residence		
	Health or social club dues or initiation fees		
	Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef)		
b	If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If	**1b**	
2	Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?	**2**	Yes
3	Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.		
	Compensation committee		
	Independent compensation consultant		
	Form 990 of other organizations		
	Written employment contract		
	Compensation survey or study		
	Approval by the board or compensation committee	X	
4	During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization: If "Yes" to any of lines 4a–c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.		
a	Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	**4a**	No
b	Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	**4b**	No
c	Participate in or receive payment from an equity-based compensation arrangement?	**4c**	No
	Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5–9.		
5	For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of: If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.		
a	The organization?	**5a**	No
b	Any related organization?	**5b**	No
6	For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of: If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.		
a	The organization?	**6a**	No
b	Any related organization?	**6b**	No
7	For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III	**7**	No
8	Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III	**8**	No
9	If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	**9**	
Part III	**Supplemental Information**		
	Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II in the space provided below. Also complete this part for any additional information.		

Part VII - Officer Compensation

The interim Chief Executive Officer was provided to the organization pursuant to a Hospital Management Services Agreement with Aletheia Health Partners, Inc., an unrelated third-party management company. The interim CEO was not an employee of the organization and did not receive compensation directly from the organization. Amounts paid under the agreement are reported as management fees.