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**SCHEDULE H  
(Form 990)**

## Hospitals

OMB No. 1545-0047

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▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, question 20.**

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

PIEDMONT WALTON HOSPITAL, INC.

Employer identification number

82-4194264

**Part I Financial Assistance and Certain Other Community Benefits at Cost**

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Did the organization have a financial assistance policy during the tax year? If "No," skip to question 6a . . . . .	1a	X	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," was it a written policy? . . . . .	1b	X	
<b>2</b> If the organization had multiple hospital facilities, indicate which of the following best describes application of the financial assistance policy to its various hospital facilities during the tax year. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applied uniformly to all hospital facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Applied uniformly to most hospital facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Generally tailored to individual hospital facilities			
<b>3</b> 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.			
<b>a</b> Did the organization use Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) as a factor in determining eligibility for providing <i>free care</i> ? If "Yes," indicate which of the following was the FPG family income limit for eligibility for free care: <input type="checkbox"/> 100% <input type="checkbox"/> 150% <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 200% <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ %	3a	X	
<b>b</b> Did the organization use FPG as a factor in determining eligibility for providing <i>discounted care</i> ? If "Yes," indicate which of the following was the family income limit for eligibility for discounted care: . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 200% <input type="checkbox"/> 250% <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 300% <input type="checkbox"/> 350% <input type="checkbox"/> 400% <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ %	3b	X	
<b>c</b> 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.			
<b>4</b> Did the organization's financial assistance policy that applied to the largest number of its patients during the tax year provide for free or discounted care to the "medically indigent"? . . . . .	4	X	
<b>5a</b> Did the organization budget amounts for free or discounted care provided under its financial assistance policy during the tax year?	5a	X	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization's financial assistance expenses exceed the budgeted amount? . . . . .	5b		X
<b>c</b> 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		
<b>6a</b> Did the organization prepare a community benefit report during the tax year? . . . . .	6a		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization make it available to the public? . . . . .	6b		

**7 Financial Assistance and Certain Other Community Benefits at Cost**

Financial Assistance and Means-Tested Government Programs	(a) Number of activities or programs (optional)	(b) Persons served (optional)	(c) Total community benefit expense	(d) Direct offsetting revenue	(e) Net community benefit expense	(f) Percent of total expense
<b>a</b> Financial Assistance at cost (from Worksheet 1) . . . . .			59,371.		59,371.	.49
<b>b</b> Medicaid (from Worksheet 3, column a) . . . . .			489,323.	495,125.	-5,802.	
<b>c</b> Costs of other means-tested government programs (from Worksheet 3, column b) . . . . .			250,166.		250,166.	2.05
<b>d Total</b> Financial Assistance and Means-Tested Government Programs . . . . .			798,860.	495,125.	303,735.	2.54
<b>Other Benefits</b>						
<b>e</b> Community health improvement services and community benefit operations (from Worksheet 4) . . . . .						
<b>f</b> Health professions education (from Worksheet 5) . . . . .			30,930.		30,930.	.25
<b>g</b> Subsidized health services (from Worksheet 6) . . . . .						
<b>h</b> Research (from Worksheet 7)						
<b>i</b> Cash and in-kind contributions for community benefit (from Worksheet 8) . . . . .						
<b>j Total.</b> Other Benefits . . . . .			30,930.		30,930.	.25
<b>k Total.</b> Add lines 7d and 7j . . . . .			829,790.	495,125.	334,665.	2.79

**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			650.		650.	.01
6 Coalition building						
7 Community health improvement advocacy						
8 Workforce development						
9 Other						
<b>10 Total</b>			650.		650.	.01

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

**Section A. Bad Debt Expense**

		Yes	No
1 Did the organization report bad debt expense in accordance with Healthcare Financial Management Association Statement No. 15? . . . . .	<b>1</b>	X	
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. . . . .	<b>2</b>		
3 Enter the estimated amount of the organization's bad debt expense attributable to patients eligible under the organization's financial assistance policy. Explain in Part VI the methodology used by the organization to estimate this amount and the rationale, if any, for including this portion of bad debt as community benefit . . . . .	<b>3</b>		
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) . . . . .	<b>5</b>	2,358,506.
6 Enter Medicare allowable costs of care relating to payments on line 5 . . . . .	<b>6</b>	2,254,970.
7 Subtract line 6 from line 5. This is the surplus (or shortfall) . . . . .	<b>7</b>	103,536.
8 Describe in Part VI the extent to which any shortfall reported in line 7 should be treated as community benefit. Also describe in Part VI the costing methodology or source used to determine the amount reported on line 6. Check the box that describes the method used: <input type="checkbox"/> Cost accounting system <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost to charge ratio <input type="checkbox"/> Other		

**Section C. Collection Practices**

9a Did the organization have a written debt collection policy during the tax year? . . . . .	<b>9a</b>	X	
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 . . . . .	<b>9b</b>	X	

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

(a) Name of entity	(b) Description of primary activity of entity	(c) Organization's profit % or stock ownership %	(d) Officers, directors, trustees, or key employees' profit % or stock ownership %	(e) Physicians' profit % or stock ownership %
1				
2				
3				
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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)

1 PIEDMONT WALTON HOSPITAL, INC.  
 2151 WEST SPRING STREET  
 MONROE GA 30655  
 WWW.PIEDMONT.ORG  
 147-613

Licensed hospital	General medical & surgical	Children's hospital	Teaching hospital	Critical access hospital	Research facility	ER-24 hours	ER-other	Other (describe)	Facility reporting group
X	X					X			1

**Part V Facility Information** (continued)

**Section B. Facility Policies and Practices**

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

Name of hospital facility or letter of facility reporting group PIEDMONT WALTON HOSPITAL, INC.

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**

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	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? . . . . .	X	
<b>2</b>	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 . . . . .	X	
<b>3</b>	During the tax year or either of the two immediately preceding tax years, did the hospital facility conduct a community health needs assessment (CHNA)? If "No," skip to line 12 . . . . . If "Yes," indicate what the CHNA report describes (check all that apply):		X
<b>a</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> A definition of the community served by the hospital facility		
<b>b</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Demographics of the community		
<b>c</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Existing health care facilities and resources within the community that are available to respond to the health needs of the community		
<b>d</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> How data was obtained		
<b>e</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> The significant health needs of the community		
<b>f</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Primary and chronic disease needs and other health issues of uninsured persons, low-income persons, and minority groups		
<b>g</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> The process for identifying and prioritizing community health needs and services to meet the community health needs		
<b>h</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> The process for consulting with persons representing the community's interests		
<b>i</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> The impact of any actions taken to address the significant health needs identified in the hospital facility's prior CHNA(s)		
<b>j</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe in Section C)		
<b>4</b>	Indicate the tax year the hospital facility last conducted a CHNA: 20 _____		
<b>5</b>	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 . . . . .		
<b>6a</b>	Was the hospital facility's CHNA conducted with one or more other hospital facilities? If "Yes," list the other hospital facilities in Section C . . . . .		
<b>6b</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 . . . . .		
<b>7</b>	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):		
<b>a</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital facility's website (list url): _____		
<b>b</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other website (list url): _____		
<b>c</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Made a paper copy available for public inspection without charge at the hospital facility		
<b>d</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe in Section C)		
<b>8</b>	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 . . . . .		
<b>9</b>	Indicate the tax year the hospital facility last adopted an implementation strategy: 20 _____		
<b>10</b>	Is the hospital facility's most recently adopted implementation strategy posted on a website? . . . . .		
<b>a</b>	If "Yes," (list url): _____		
<b>b</b>	If "No," is the hospital facility's most recently adopted implementation strategy attached to this return? . . . . .		
<b>11</b>	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.		
<b>12a</b>	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)? . . . . .		X
<b>12b</b>	If "Yes" to line 12a, did the organization file Form 4720 to report the section 4959 excise tax? . . . . .		
<b>c</b>	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? \$		

**Part V Facility Information (continued)**

**Financial Assistance Policy (FAP)**

Name of hospital facility or letter of facility reporting group PIEDMONT WALTON HOSPITAL, INC.

		Yes	No
<p>Did the hospital facility have in place during the tax year a written financial assistance policy that:</p> <p><b>13</b> Explained eligibility criteria for financial assistance, and whether such assistance included free or discounted care? If "Yes," indicate the eligibility criteria explained in the FAP:</p> <p><b>a</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal poverty guidelines (FPG), with FPG family income limit for eligibility for free care of <u>200.0000</u> % and FPG family income limit for eligibility for discounted care of <u>300.0000</u> %</p> <p><b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Income level other than FPG (describe in Section C)</p> <p><b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Asset level</p> <p><b>d</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical indigency</p> <p><b>e</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance status</p> <p><b>f</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Underinsurance status</p> <p><b>g</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Residency</p> <p><b>h</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe in Section C)</p>	<b>13</b>	X	
<p><b>14</b> Explained the basis for calculating amounts charged to patients? . . . . .</p>	<b>14</b>	X	
<p><b>15</b> Explained the method for applying for financial assistance? . . . . .</p> <p>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):</p> <p><b>a</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Described the information the hospital facility may require an individual to provide as part of his or her application</p> <p><b>b</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Described the supporting documentation the hospital facility may require an individual to submit as part of his or her application</p> <p><b>c</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provided the contact information of hospital facility staff who can provide an individual with information about the FAP and FAP application process</p> <p><b>d</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provided the contact information of nonprofit organizations or government agencies that may be sources of assistance with FAP applications</p> <p><b>e</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe in Section C)</p>	<b>15</b>	X	
<p><b>16</b> Was widely publicized within the community served by the hospital facility? . . . . .</p> <p>If "Yes," indicate how the hospital facility publicized the policy (check all that apply):</p> <p><b>a</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The FAP was widely available on a website (list url): <u>SEE PART VI</u></p> <p><b>b</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The FAP application form was widely available on a website (list url): <u>SEE PART VI</u></p> <p><b>c</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A plain language summary of the FAP was widely available on a website (list url): <u>SEE PART VI</u></p> <p><b>d</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The FAP was available upon request and without charge (in public locations in the hospital facility and by mail)</p> <p><b>e</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The FAP application form was available upon request and without charge (in public locations in the hospital facility and by mail)</p> <p><b>f</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A plain language summary of the FAP was available upon request and without charge (in public locations in the hospital facility and by mail)</p> <p><b>g</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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</p> <p><b>h</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notified members of the community who are most likely to require financial assistance about availability of the FAP</p> <p><b>i</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The FAP, FAP application form, and plain language summary of the FAP were translated into the primary language(s) spoken by LEP populations</p> <p><b>j</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe in Section C)</p>	<b>16</b>	X	

**Part V Facility Information** (continued)

**Billing and Collections**

Name of hospital facility or letter of facility reporting group PIEDMONT WALTON HOSPITAL, INC.

	Yes	No
<b>17</b> Did the hospital facility have in place during the tax year a separate billing and collections policy, or a written financial assistance policy (FAP) that explained all of the actions the hospital facility or other authorized party may take upon nonpayment? . . . . .	X	
<b>18</b> 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:		
<b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting to credit agency(ies)		
<b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Selling an individual's debt to another party		
<b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 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		
<b>d</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Actions that require a legal or judicial process		
<b>e</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Other similar actions (describe in Section C)		
<b>f</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None of these actions or other similar actions were permitted		
<b>19</b> 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? . . . . .		X
If "Yes," check all actions in which the hospital facility or a third party engaged:		
<b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting to credit agency(ies)		
<b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Selling an individual's debt to another party		
<b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 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		
<b>d</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Actions that require a legal or judicial process		
<b>e</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Other similar actions (describe in Section C)		
<b>20</b> Indicate which efforts the hospital facility or other authorized party made before initiating any of the actions listed (whether or not checked) in line 19 (check all that apply):		
<b>a</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provided a written notice about upcoming ECAs (Extraordinary Collection Action) and a plain language summary of the FAP at least 30 days before initiating those ECAs		
<b>b</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Made a reasonable effort to orally notify individuals about the FAP and FAP application process		
<b>c</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Processed incomplete and complete FAP applications		
<b>d</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Made presumptive eligibility determinations		
<b>e</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe in Section C)		
<b>f</b> <input type="checkbox"/> None of these efforts were made		

**Policy Relating to Emergency Medical Care**

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

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

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

Name of hospital facility or letter of facility reporting group PIEDMONT WALTON HOSPITAL, INC.

		Yes	No
<p><b>22</b> 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.</p> <p><b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The hospital facility used a look-back method based on claims allowed by Medicare fee-for-service during a prior 12-month period</p> <p><b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 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</p> <p><b>c</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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</p> <p><b>d</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The hospital facility used a prospective Medicare or Medicaid method</p>			
<p><b>23</b> 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? . . . . .</p> <p>If "Yes," explain in Section C.</p>	<b>23</b>		X
<p><b>24</b> 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? . . . . .</p> <p>If "Yes," explain in Section C.</p>	<b>24</b>		X

**Part V Facility Information** (continued)

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

SCHEDULE H, PART V, LINES 1 AND 2: NEW HOSPITAL ENTITY

PIEDMONT WALTON HOSPITAL, INC. ("PWH") WAS CREATED AS A NEW ENTITY ON JANUARY 26, 2018 FOLLOWING THE PURCHASE OF THE ASSETS OF CLEARVIEW REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, INC. FROM QUORUM HEALTH CORP. A FOR-PROFIT COMPANY. PIEDMONT FILED THE FORM 1023 APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF EXEMPTION UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE ON NOVEMBER 8, 2018. PER IRS INSTRUCTIONS, PIEDMONT HEALTHCARE, INC., THE PARENT COMPANY OF PWH, IS FILING THE FORM 990 RETURN OF ORGANIZATION EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX WHILE THE APPLICATION IS PENDING.

SCHEDULE H, PART V, LINE 3: COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

PIEDMONT WALTON HOSPITAL, INC. ("PWH") WAS CREATED AS A NEW ENTITY ON JANUARY 26, 2018, FOLLOWING THE PURCHASE OF THE ASSETS OF CLEARVIEW REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, INC. FROM QUORUM HEALTH CORP., A FOR-PROFIT COMPANY. AS PWH WAS CREATED AS A NEW ENTITY AND DID NOT EXIST AS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT HOSPITAL PRIOR TO PIEDMONT HEALTHCARE'S ACQUISITION OF THESE ASSETS, NO COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT WAS CONDUCTED. PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 501(R), PIEDMONT HEALTHCARE WILL COMPLETE A COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR PWH AND ITS SURROUNDING COMMUNITY WITHIN THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF PWH'S EXISTENCE.

SCHEDULE H, PART V, LINE 16: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY WEBSITES

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY -

[HTTPS://WWW.PIEDMONT.ORG/MEDIA/FILE/FINANCIAL-ASSISTANCE-POLICY.PDF](https://www.piedmont.org/media/file/financial-assistance-policy.pdf)



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

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

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION -

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY -

[HTTPS://WWW.PIEDMONT.ORG/MEDIA/FILE/FINANCIAL-ASSISTANCE-PLAIN-LANGUAGE-SUMMARY-ENGLISH.PDF](https://www.piedmont.org/media/file/financial-assistance-plain-language-summary-english.pdf)

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

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

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

Name and address	Type of Facility (describe)
<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	

**Part VI** Supplemental Information

Provide the following information.

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

SCHEDULE H, PART VI, LINE 1: REQUIRED DISCLOSURES

PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT

SCHEDULE H, PART I, LINE 6A

PIEDMONT WALTON HOSPITAL, INC. ("PWH") WAS CREATED AS A NEW ENTITY ON JANUARY 26, 2018, FOLLOWING THE PURCHASE OF THE ASSETS OF CLEARVIEW REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, INC. FROM QUORUM HEALTH CORP., A FOR-PROFIT COMPANY. AS PWH WAS CREATED AS A NEW ENTITY AND DID NOT EXIST AS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT HOSPITAL PRIOR TO PIEDMONT HEALTHCARE'S ACQUISITION OF THESE ASSETS, NO COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT WAS CONDUCTED. PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 501(R), PIEDMONT HEALTHCARE WILL COMPLETE A COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR PWH AND ITS SURROUNDING COMMUNITY WITHIN THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF PWH'S EXISTENCE.

PERCENT OF TOTAL EXPENSE

SCHEDULE H, PART I, LINE 7(F)

THE DENOMINATOR USED FOR THE CALCULATION OF COLUMN (F), PERCENT OF TOTAL EXPENSE, WAS THE AMOUNT OF TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES ON FORM 990, PART

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IX, LINE 25, COLUMN (A) OF \$17,288,377, LESS BAD DEBT EXPENSE OF \$5,076,696 FROM FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 24(A).

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND CERTAIN OTHER COMMUNITY BENEFITS AT COST  
SCHEDULE H, PART I, LINE 7

A RATIO OF PATIENT CARE COST TO CHARGES, CONSISTENT WITH WORKSHEET 2, WAS USED TO REPORT THE AMOUNTS IN PART I, LINES 7A-7D. FOR AMOUNTS ON LINES 7E-7K, ACTUAL EXPENSES FOR EACH COMMUNITY BENEFIT ACTIVITY ARE TRACED AND REPORTED USING THE ORGANIZATION'S COST ACCOUNTING SYSTEM.

BAD DEBT EXPENSE CALCULATION AND FOOTNOTE  
SCHEDULE H, PART III, LINES 2-4

THE PROVISION FOR BAD DEBTS IS BASED UPON MANAGEMENT'S ASSESSMENT OF HISTORICAL AND EXPECTED NET COLLECTIONS CONSIDERING BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, TRENDS IN HEALTH CARE COVERAGE AND OTHER COLLECTION INDICATORS. PERIODICALLY, MANAGEMENT ASSESSES THE ADEQUACY OF THE ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBLE ACCOUNTS BASED UPON HISTORICAL WRITE-OFF EXPERIENCE BY PAYER CATEGORY. THE RESULTS OF THE REVIEW ARE THEN USED TO MAKE ANY

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MODIFICATIONS TO THE PROVISION FOR BAD DEBTS TO ESTABLISH AN APPROPRIATE ALLOWANCE FOR UNCOLLECTIBLE RECEIVABLES.

THE AMOUNT REPORTED ON PART III, LINE 3, WAS DETERMINED BY TAKING THE AVERAGE ACCEPTANCE RATE FOR ALL CHARITY CARE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR MULTIPLIED BY THE NUMBER OF DENIALS THAT WERE ATTRIBUTABLE TO INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION. THAT TOTAL WAS THEN ADJUSTED DOWNWARD FOR THE ORGANIZATION'S USE OF PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY WHEN DETERMINING ITS COMMUNITY BENEFITS.

BAD DEBT EXPENSE FOOTNOTE FROM CONSOLIDATED, AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

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PWH PROVIDES CARE TO PATIENTS WHO MEET CERTAIN CRITERIA UNDER ITS CHARITY CARE POLICY WITHOUT CHARGE OR AT AMOUNTS LESS THAN ITS ESTABLISHED RATES. AMOUNTS DETERMINED TO QUALIFY AS CHARITY CARE ARE NOT REPORTED AS REVENUE.

MEDICARE SHORTFALLS AS COMMUNITY BENEFIT

SCHEDULE H, PART III, LINE 8

THE AMOUNT REPORTED ON PART III, LINE 6, WAS CALCULATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCHEDULE H INSTRUCTIONS AND UTILIZING THE ORGANIZATION'S ALLOWABLE MEDICARE COST AS REPORTED IN THE MEDICARE COST REPORT, WHICH IS BASED ON A COST TO CHARGE RATIO. HOWEVER, THE ALLOWABLE COSTS IN THE MEDICARE COST REPORT DO NOT REFLECT THE ACTUAL COST OF PROVIDING CARE TO PATIENTS, SINCE THE MEDICARE COST REPORT EXCLUDES MANY DIRECT PATIENT CARE COSTS THAT ARE ESSENTIAL TO PROVIDE QUALITY HEALTHCARE FOR MEDICARE PATIENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, CERTAIN COVERAGE FEES TO PHYSICIANS, COST OF MEDICARE C AND

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D, AND OTHER SIMILAR DIRECT PATIENT CARE EXPENSES ARE SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDE FROM ALLOWABLE COST IN THE MEDICARE COST REPORT.

THE ORGANIZATION BELIEVES THAT THE HOSPITAL'S MEDICARE SHORTFALL REPORTED ON PART III, LINE 7 OF SCHEDULE H, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A COMMUNITY BENEFIT AS THE IRS COMMUNITY BENEFIT STANDARD INCLUDES THE PROVISION OF CARE TO ELDERLY AND MEDICARE PATIENTS. IRS REVENUE RULING 69-545 PROVIDES, IN PART, THAT HOSPITALS SERVING PATIENTS WITH GOVERNMENTAL HEALTH INSURANCE, SUCH AS MEDICARE, IS AN INDICATION THE HOSPITAL OPERATES TO PROMOTE HEALTH IN THE COMMUNITY. ADDITIONALLY, MEDICARE ACCOUNTED FOR 42.77% OF THE HOSPITAL'S PATIENT SERVICE REVENUE. THE HOSPITAL'S POLICY IS TO TREAT MEDICARE PATIENTS, REGARDLESS OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH MEDICARE ACTUALLY PAYS FOR THE TREATMENT. FOR MANY SERVICES, MEDICARE'S REIMBURSEMENT IS LESS THAN THE COST OF THE CARE PROVIDED, RESULTING IN SHORTFALLS THAT ARE TO BE ABSORBED BY THE HOSPITAL IN HONOR OF THE HOSPITAL'S COMMITMENT TO TREAT ELDERLY PATIENTS.

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SCHEDULE H, PART III, LINE 9(B)

INITIAL SCREENINGS OF ALL INPATIENT, EMERGENCY, AND SURGERY ENCOUNTERS, AS WELL AS MOST OUTPATIENT VISITS, ARE CONDUCTED BY FINANCIAL COUNSELORS IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY ANY AVAILABLE INSURANCE OR OTHER COVERAGE FOR EACH PATIENT. COUNSELORS CONTACT PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES DIRECTLY, EITHER IN PERSON OR BY LETTER, TO ASSIST THE FAMILY IN IDENTIFYING ANY PROGRAMS FOR WHICH THE PATIENT/SERVICE MAY QUALIFY (INCLUDING MEDICAID, STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM ("SCHIP"), PRIVATE OR GOVERNMENT INSURANCE COVERAGE, AND CHARITY ASSISTANCE). IF THE FAMILY CANNOT BE TIMELY LOCATED OR IS UNCOOPERATIVE, RELATED ACCOUNTS ARE TRANSFERRED TO AN INTERNAL COLLECTION DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN PAYMENT OR, IF THE PATIENT MAY QUALIFY FOR ASSISTANCE, TO SECURE A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION. THE ORGANIZATION'S DEBT COLLECTION POLICY AND PROCEDURES PROHIBIT ANY COLLECTION EFFORTS FOR THE PORTION OF A PATIENT ACCOUNT BALANCE THAT QUALIFIES FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE ORGANIZATION'S CHARITY CARE POLICY.



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SCHEDULE H, PART VI, LINE 2: NEEDS ASSESSMENT

IN 2018, PIEDMONT HEALTHCARE PURCHASED PIEDMONT WALTON, THEN AS CLEARVIEW REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, A FOR-PROFIT HOSPITAL OWNED BY QUORUM HEALTH, A FOR-PROFIT COMPANY BASED IN TENNESSEE. BECAUSE OF THAT, THE HOSPITAL WAS NOT REQUIRED TO FILE A COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT WITH THE IRS. THAT SAID, THE HOSPITAL HAS ALWAYS MAINTAINED TIES TO ITS COMMUNITY, AND IN THE PROCESS OF PURCHASING THE HOSPITAL, PIEDMONT HEALTHCARE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO FULLY UNDERSTAND POTENTIAL COMMUNITY UNMET HEALTH NEEDS. THIS INCLUDED REGULAR COMMUNICATION WITH COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, ENGAGEMENT WITH LAWMAKERS AND THE GATHERING OF HOSPITAL- AND COMMUNITY-BASED DATA. ADDITIONALLY, THE HOSPITAL IS A PART OF PIEDMONT HEALTHCARE'S FY19 CHNA.

SCHEDULE H, PART VI, LINE 3: PATIENT EDUCATION OF ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY

PATIENT EDUCATION OF AVAILABILITY OF ASSISTANCE: PIEDMONT HEALTHCARE UNDERSTANDS THAT NOT EVERYONE WILL HAVE THE ABILITY TO PAY THEIR HOSPITAL BILL DUE TO THEIR INSURANCE STATUS OR A LIMITED INCOME, AND BECAUSE OF THIS, WE OFFER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO QUALIFYING PATIENTS. NOTIFICATION

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ABOUT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE AT PIEDMONT ROCKDALE HOSPITAL INCLUDES PROVIDING A DEDICATED CONTACT NUMBER, WHICH IS DISSEMINATED BY THE HOSPITAL TO PATIENTS BY VARIOUS MEANS. THESE INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO: THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICES IN PATIENT BILLS AND BY POSTING NOTICES IN EMERGENCY ROOMS, IN THE CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION FORM, AT ADMITTING AND REGISTRATION DEPARTMENTS, HOSPITAL BUSINESS OFFICES, AND PATIENT FINANCIAL SERVICES OFFICES THAT ARE LOCATED ON FACILITY CAMPUSES, AND AT OTHER PUBLIC PLACES THE HOSPITAL MAY ELECT, INCLUDING AVAILABILITY AT LOCAL LOW-COST CLINICS PRIMARILY TREATING UNINSURED POPULATIONS. PIEDMONT ROCKDALE HOSPITAL ALSO PUBLISHES AND WIDELY PUBLICIZES A PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY OF THIS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CARE POLICY ON ITS FACILITY WEBSITE, WHICH WILL INCLUDE A LINK TO FULL POLICY. REFERRAL OF PATIENTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MAY BE MADE BY ANY STAFF OR MEDICAL STAFF MEMBER AT THE HOSPITAL, INCLUDING PHYSICIANS, NURSES, FINANCIAL COUNSELORS, SOCIAL WORKERS, CASE MANAGERS, CHAPLAINS AND RELIGIOUS SPONSORS. A REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MAY BE MADE BY THE PATIENT OR A FAMILY MEMBER, CLOSE FRIEND, OR ASSOCIATE OF THE PATIENT, SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE PRIVACY LAWS.

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SCHEDULE H, PART VI, LINE 4: COMMUNITY INFORMATION

PIEDMONT WALTON HOSPITAL IS LOCATED IN MONROE, GEORGIA, AND CONSIDERS ITS PRIMARY COMMUNITY TO BE ITS HOME COUNTY OF WALTON COUNTY. IN 2017, 88,695 PEOPLE LIVE IN WALTON COUNTY. THAT YEAR, THE COUNTY WAS PREDOMINATELY WHITE AT 76 PERCENT. (US CENSUS, AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY, 2017)

TWELVE PERCENT OF WALTON COUNTY WAS UNINSURED IN 2017, AND NON-ELDERLY ADULT UNINSURED RATES ARE PARTICULARLY HIGH AT 18 PERCENT. FIVE PERCENT OF CHILDREN ARE UNINSURED, WHICH IS A LITTLE BELOW BOTH STATE AND

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THERE WAS ONE PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN IN WALTON FOR EVERY 2,330 RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY, COMPARED TO ONE FOR 1,030 FOR THE STATE. FIFTEEN PERCENT OF ADULTS REPORTED THEY WERE IN POOR OR FAIR HEALTH, A FIGURE WORSE THAN THE GEORGIA BENCHMARK OF 19 PERCENT. IN 2016, 18 PERCENT OF ADULTS SMOKED, 32 PERCENT OF ADULTS WERE OBESE, 25 PERCENT WERE PHYSICALLY INACTIVE AND 16 PERCENT REPORTED DRINKING TO EXCESS (UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN POPULATION HEALTH INSTITUTE, COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS, 2018, WITH DATA YEARS RANGING FROM 2014 TO 2017). ELEVEN PERCENT OF THE POPULATION LIVED WITH DIABETES IN 2015 (CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION,

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SCHEDULE H, PART VI, LINE 5: PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

PIEDMONT WALTON HOSPITAL ACTIVELY PROMOTES THE HEALTH OF ITS COMMUNITY THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH SCREENINGS, EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, THE OPERATION OF A 24-HOUR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AVAILABLE TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY, THE OPERATION OF AN EMERGENCY ROOM OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WITHOUT REGARD TO ABILITY TO PAY, A GOVERNANCE BOARD COMPOSED OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS, USE OF SURPLUS REVENUE FOR FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT, PATIENT CARE, AND MEDICAL TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND RESEARCH, THE PROVISION OF INPATIENT HOSPITAL CARE FOR ALL PERSONS IN THE COMMUNITY ABLE TO PAY, INCLUDING THOSE COVERED BY MEDICARE AND MEDICAID, AND AN OPEN MEDICAL STAFF WITH PRIVILEGES AVAILABLE TO ALL QUALIFYING PHYSICIANS.

IN FY18, PIEDMONT WALTON ALSO PROVIDED HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION TO STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS TRAINING TO BE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS. THAT YEAR, THE HOSPITAL OVERSAW TRAINING AT A COST OF \$30.930.

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SCHEDULE H, PART VI, LINE 6: AFFILIATED HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

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SCHEDULE H, PART VI, LINE 7: STATE OF FILING OF COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT

PIEDMONT WALTON HOSPITAL IS NOT REQUIRED TO FILE A COMMUNITY BENEFIT

REPORT; HOWEVER, THE HOSPITAL IS REQUIRED TO FILE WITH THE GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH INFORMATION ON ITS INDIGENT AND CHARITY

CARE, AS WELL AS ITS MEDICAID AND MEDICARE SHORTFALLS.