



REPORT ON AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021



SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners
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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund (the "Fund") as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Fund's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Fund as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and in compliance with audit requirements as prescribed by the Department of Banking and Insurance and the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Fund and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements (Cont'd)

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and other required supplementary information listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context.

Required Supplementary Information (Cont'd)

We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 21, 2023, on our consideration of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Fund's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bowman & Company LLP

Bowman & Company LLP
Certified Public Accountants
& Consultants

Voorhees, New Jersey
June 21, 2023

**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE
AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners
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We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and in compliance with audit requirements as prescribed by the Department of Banking and Insurance and the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, the financial statements of the Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund (the "Fund"), as of December 31, 2022 and for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Fund's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 21, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Fund's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Fund's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Fund's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and audit requirements as prescribed by the Department of Banking and Insurance and the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and the audit requirements as prescribed by the Department of Banking and Insurance and the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bowman & Company LLP

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Certified Public Accountants
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Voorhees, New Jersey
June 21, 2023

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND

Management's Discussion and Analysis – Unaudited

This section of the annual financial report of the Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund (the "Fund") presents a discussion and analysis of the financial performance of the Fund for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021, and 2020. Please read it in conjunction with the basic financial statements that follow this section.

Overview of Basic Financial Statements

The Fund's basic financial statements are prepared on the basis of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for governmental entities and insurance enterprises where applicable. The primary purpose of the Fund is to provide health coverage for municipalities and other governmental entities that are members of the Fund. The Fund maintains separate enterprise funds by incurred years and line of coverage. The basic financial statements are presented on an accrual basis of accounting. The three basic financial statements presented are as follows:

Comparative Statements of Net Position – This statement presents information reflecting the Fund's assets, liabilities and reserves, and net position. Net position represents the amount of total assets less total liabilities and reserves.

Comparative Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position – This statement reflects the Fund's operating revenues and expenses, as well as non-operating items during the reporting period. The change in net position for an enterprise fund is similar to net profit or loss for any other insurance company.

Comparative Statements of Cash Flows – The comparative statements of cash flows is presented on the direct method of reporting, which reflects cash flows from operating, investing, and noncapital financing activities. Cash collections and payments are reflected in this statement to arrive at the net increase or decrease in cash for the reporting period.

Financial Highlights

The following tables summarize the net position and results of operations for the Fund as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021, and 2020.

Summary Statements Of Net Position			2021 to 2022 Change	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	
				<u>Change \$</u> <u>Change %</u>
Assets:				
Cash And Cash Equivalents	\$ 33,309,446	\$ 38,983,345	\$ 45,421,507	\$ (5,673,899) -14.6%
Contributions And Other Receivables	1,476,599	1,740,852	1,068,229	(264,253) -15.2%
Excess Insurance Receivable	1,757,908	4,132,889	1,532,195	(2,374,981) -57.5%
Other Assets	2,517	27,725	25,247	(25,208) -90.9%
Investment In Joint Venture	239,615	712,537	3,155,237	(472,922) -66.4%
Total Assets	<u>36,786,085</u>	<u>45,597,348</u>	<u>51,202,415</u>	<u>(8,811,263)</u> <u>-19.3%</u>
Liabilities, Reserves & Net Position				
Liabilities:				
Accrued Expenses	974,615	846,175	635,363	128,440 15.2%
Return of Surplus Payable	12,640,308	20,130,454	15,622,003	(7,490,146) -37.2%
Loss Reserves	11,712,050	12,024,000	8,030,000	(311,950) -2.6%
Total Liabilities & Reserves	<u>25,326,973</u>	<u>33,000,629</u>	<u>24,287,366</u>	<u>(7,673,656)</u> <u>-23.3%</u>
Net Position - Unrestricted	<u>\$ 11,459,112</u>	<u>\$ 12,596,719</u>	<u>\$ 26,915,049</u>	<u>\$ (1,137,607)</u> <u>-9.0%</u>

Summary Statements Of Revenues, Expenses, And Changes In Net Position			2021 to 2022 Change	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	
				<u>Change \$</u> <u>Change %</u>
Operating Revenue:				
Regular And Employee Contributions	<u>\$129,245,880</u>	<u>\$107,316,505</u>	<u>\$101,172,890</u>	<u>\$ 21,929,375</u> <u>20.4%</u>
Operating Expenses:				
Provision For Claims and Claims				
Adjustment Expenses	115,228,490	98,932,459	77,875,525	16,296,031 16.5%
Insurance Premiums	5,591,801	4,510,252	4,492,323	1,081,549 24.0%
Administrative and Operating	9,670,692	8,472,708	8,010,962	1,197,984 14.1%
Total Operating Expenses	<u>130,490,983</u>	<u>111,915,419</u>	<u>90,378,810</u>	<u>18,575,564</u> <u>16.6%</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>(1,245,103)</u>	<u>(4,598,914)</u>	<u>10,794,080</u>	<u>3,353,811</u> <u>72.9%</u>
Investment Income	306,623	222,100	441,261	84,523 38.1%
Dividend Income	273,795	730,938	558,434	(457,143) -62.5%
Change In Investment In Joint Venture	<u>(472,922)</u>	<u>(2,442,700)</u>	<u>909,894</u>	<u>1,969,778</u> <u>80.6%</u>
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues	<u>(1,137,607)</u>	<u>(6,088,576)</u>	<u>12,703,669</u>	<u>4,950,969</u> <u>81.3%</u>
Return Of Surplus	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,229,754)</u>	<u>(17,333,867)</u>	<u>(8,229,754)</u> <u>-100.0%</u>
Change In Net Position	<u>\$ (1,137,607)</u>	<u>\$ (14,318,330)</u>	<u>\$ (4,630,198)</u>	<u>\$ 13,180,723</u> <u>92.1%</u>

Financial Highlights Continued

On July 31, 2015, the Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund (the "Fund") was formed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et. seq. and N.J.A.C. 11:15-3 when the Fund received approval from the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance and commenced operations on January 1, 2016. The Fund is operated in accordance with regulations of the Department of Banking and Insurance and the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. The Fund was established for the purpose of containing medical costs.

The Fund's total assets as of December 31, 2022 were \$36,786,085 and total liabilities and reserves were \$25,326,973 resulting in a surplus in unrestricted net position of \$11,459,112.

The Fund's operating revenues were \$129,245,880 during the year. Claims expenses represented \$115,228,490 in health benefit costs. Total insurance premiums of \$5,591,801 were composed of \$3,679,052 incurred from the Municipal Reinsurance Health Insurance Fund, \$394,186 incurred from Medical Advantage Premiums, and \$1,526,082 incurred from State Health Benefits Program Surcharge Premiums. During the reporting period, administrative and operating costs were \$9,670,692. The Fund did not distribute surplus back to its members during the year.

The value of the Fund's share of the Municipal Reinsurance Health Insurance Fund (MRHIF) was \$239,615. The Fund also received a dividend distribution from MRHIF for \$273,795.

Investment income was \$306,623 due to Fund's active pursuit of higher interest rates from area financial institutions.

Economic Conditions

The Fund continues to be affected by inflation of health benefit costs. The Fund's strategy is to continue to attempt to moderate such increases by leveraging purchasing power with other Funds, using one of the largest and most effective medical networks in the nation, and assisting members with plan design and labor negotiation efforts.

Contacting the Fund's Management

This financial report is designed to provide the Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund members and the Department of Banking and Insurance and the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey with a general overview of the Fund's finances and to demonstrate the Fund's accountability for the public funds it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Executive Director of the Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund's office located at 9 Campus Drive, Suite 216, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054 or by phone at (201) 881-7632.

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash And Cash Equivalents	\$ 33,309,446	\$ 38,983,345
Contributions Receivable	651,594	1,197,041
Accrued Interest Receivable	36	-
Excess Insurance Receivable	819,791	4,132,889
Prescription Rebates Receivable	1,757,908	487,636
Wellness Reimbursement Receivable	-	56,175
Refund Receivable	5,178	-
Investment In Joint Venture	239,615	712,537
Prepaid Expense	2,517	27,725
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Total Assets	36,786,085	45,597,348
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<u>LIABILITIES AND RESERVES</u>		
Liabilities:		
Accrued Insurance Premiums	812,435	696,484
Accrued Expenses	162,180	149,691
Surplus Return Reserve	12,640,308	20,130,454
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Total Liabilities	13,614,923	20,976,629
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Reserves:		
Actuarial Liability	11,712,050	12,024,000
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Total Liabilities And Reserves	25,326,973	33,000,629
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<u>NET POSITION</u>		
Unrestricted	\$ 11,459,112	\$ 12,596,719
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The Accompanying Notes To Financial Statements Are An Integral Part Of This Statement.

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Operating Revenues:		
Regular Contributions	\$ 128,731,601	\$ 107,011,482
Employee Contribution	<u>514,279</u>	<u>305,023</u>
Total Operating Revenues	<u>129,245,880</u>	<u>107,316,505</u>
Operating Expenses:		
Provision For Claims And Claims Adjustment Expenses	115,228,490	98,932,459
Reinsurance	4,073,238	3,126,714
State Health Benefits Program Surcharge Premiums	1,518,563	1,383,538
Administration	<u>9,670,692</u>	<u>8,472,708</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>130,490,983</u>	<u>111,915,419</u>
Operating Loss	(1,245,103)	(4,598,914)
Non-Operating Revenue (Expense):		
Investment Income	306,623	222,100
Dividend Income	273,795	730,938
Change In Investment In Joint Venture	<u>(472,922)</u>	<u>(2,442,700)</u>
Change In Net Position	(1,137,607)	(6,088,576)
Net Position, Beginning	12,596,719	26,915,049
Return of Surplus	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,229,754)</u>
Net Position, Ending	<u>\$ 11,459,112</u>	<u>\$ 12,596,719</u>

The Accompanying Notes To Financial Statements Are An Integral Part Of This Statement.

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		
Receipts From Regular Contributions	\$ 129,791,327	\$ 106,289,259
Payments For Health Benefits Claims	(113,497,614)	(97,686,789)
Payments For Insurance Premiums	(5,475,850)	(4,252,138)
Payments To Professionals And Administrative Expenses	(9,581,998)	(8,578,663)
	<u>1,235,865</u>	<u>(4,228,331)</u>
Net Cash Flows Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities		
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:		
Investment Income	580,382	1,511,472
	<u>580,382</u>	<u>1,511,472</u>
Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities:		
Return of Surplus	(7,490,146)	(3,721,303)
	<u>(7,490,146)</u>	<u>(3,721,303)</u>
Net Decrease In Cash And Cash Equivalents	(5,673,899)	(6,438,162)
Cash And Cash Equivalents, Beginning	38,983,345	45,421,507
	<u>38,983,345</u>	<u>45,421,507</u>
Cash And Cash Equivalents, Ending	<u>\$ 33,309,446</u>	<u>\$ 38,983,345</u>
Reconciliation Of Operating Loss To		
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		
Operating Loss	\$ (1,245,103)	\$ (4,598,914)
Adjustments To Reconcile Operating Loss To Net		
Cash Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities:		
Changes In Assets And Liabilities:		
Decrease (Increase) In Assets:		
Contributions Receivable	545,447	(1,027,246)
Excess Insurance Receivable	3,313,098	(2,600,694)
Prescription Rebates Receivable	(1,270,272)	(147,636)
Wellness Reimbursement Receivable	56,175	(56,175)
Refund Receivable	(5,178)	-
Prepaid Expense	25,208	(2,478)
Increase (Decrease) In Liabilities:		
Accrued Expenses	12,489	(47,302)
Accrued Excess Insurance Premium	115,951	258,114
Actuarial Liability	(311,950)	3,994,000
Total Adjustments	<u>2,480,968</u>	<u>370,583</u>
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities	<u>\$ 1,235,865</u>	<u>\$ (4,228,331)</u>
Supplemental Disclosure - Noncash Activity:		
Change In Investment In Joint Venture Not Increasing Cash	<u>\$ (472,922)</u>	<u>\$ (2,442,700)</u>

The Accompanying Notes To Financial Statements Are An Integral Part Of This Statement.

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1: ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF THE FUND

On July 31, 2015, the Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund (the "Fund") was formed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et. seq. and N.J.A.C. 11:15-3 when the Fund received a certificate of authority from the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance and commenced operations on January 1, 2016. The Fund is operated in accordance with regulations of the Department of Banking and Insurance and the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. The Fund was established for the purpose of containing medical costs.

During the Fund's initial year, Southern New Jersey Coastal area members of the Southern New Jersey Regional Employee Benefits Fund could become a part of the Fund's initial application. Thereafter, the Executive Committee of the Fund may approve subsequent membership by a two-thirds vote of the full-authorized membership or may terminate any member by a two-thirds vote, after proper notice has been given.

All member's assessments, including a reserve for contingencies, are based on annual actuarial assumptions determined by the Fund's Actuary and on monthly and quarterly adjustments determined by the Fund's Actuary and Program Manager based on actual loss experience. The Commissioner of Insurance may order additional assessments to supplement the Fund's claim, loss retention or administrative accounts to assure the payment of the Fund's obligations.

The Fund offers the following coverages to its members:

Medical
Dental
Prescription

The Fund provides coverage on a self-insured basis and secures reinsurance in a form and an amount from an insurance company acceptable to the Commissioner of Insurance.

During 2022, the following boards of education, municipalities and other governmental entities were members of the Fund:

Alloway Township BOE	Lower Township BOE
Bridgeton BOE	Millville BOE
Brigantine City	Ocean City BOE
Buena Regional BOE	Penns Grove Borough
Cumberland County	Penns Grove-Carney's Point BOE
Cumberland County Charter School Network	Pittsgrove Township
Cumberland County Improvement Authority	Salem County
Cumberland County Technical Education Center	Upper Deerfield BOE
Cumberland Regional BOE	Upper Township BOE
Dennis Township BOE	Vineland BOE
Downe Township BOE	Waterford Township BOE
Hopewell Township BOE	West Cape May BOE
Lawrence Township BOE	Woodbine BOE

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1: ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF THE FUND (CONT'D)

The limits of liability under the various coverages during 2022 were as follows:

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

Medical and Prescription:

<u>Limits</u>	<u>Description</u>
I. <u>Fund's Self-Insured Retained Limit of Liability (S.I.R.)</u>	
A. \$425,000	Specific limit - applies per enrolled participant per reinsurance policy year.
II. <u>Excess Insurers' Limit of Liability</u>	
A. Unlimited	Reimbursement in excess of the Fund's specific S.I.R.

Dental Aggregate Retention: None – Self-insured with risk retained by the Fund.

Medical, Prescription, and Prescription coverage without Medical coverage retentions will vary with census and can also vary depending upon the allocation of claims.

Health Insurance Coverage Notes:

1. "Health Insurance" means health insurance as defined pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17B:17-4 or service benefits as provided by health service corporations, hospital service corporations or medical service corporations authorized to do business in the State.
2. "Incurred Claims" means claims, which occur during a Fund year, including claims paid during a later period. The exact definition of "Incurred Claims" or any similar term is the definition used in the excess insurance policy purchased by the Fund.
3. The Fund's reinsurance agreement during 2022 was with the Municipal Reinsurance Health Insurance Fund ("MRHIF"). The agreement is on a 12/24 month exposure period covering claims incurred during the twelve-month policy period January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.
4. Open enrollment for participating employees is offered during the months of May and November.
5. Medical coverage consists of each participating governmental entity member's individual medical benefits plan, the HMO option on a group basis or the PPO option in accordance with a plan on file with the Department of Insurance.
6. Medicare provides secondary coverage for eligible active employees and primary coverage for eligible Medicare participants.

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of the more significant policies followed by the Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund:

Component Unit

In evaluating how to define the Fund for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include any potential component units in the financial reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in GASB Statements No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, as amended. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are in substance part of the primary entity's operations. Each discretely presented component unit would be or is reported in a separate column in the financial statements to emphasize that it is legally separate from the primary entity.

The basic-but not the only-criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the governing body's ability to exercise oversight responsibility. The most significant manifestation of this ability is financial interdependency. Other manifestations of the ability to exercise oversight responsibility include, but are not limited to, the selection of governing authority, the designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters. A second criterion used in evaluating potential component units is the scope of public service. Application of this criterion involves considering whether the activity benefits the primary entity.

A third criterion used to evaluate potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships, regardless of whether the primary entity is able to exercise oversight responsibilities. Finally, the nature and significance of a potential component unit to the primary entity could warrant its inclusion within the reporting entity.

Based upon the application of these criteria, the Fund has no component units and is not includable in any other reporting entity.

Basis of Presentation, Fund Accounting

The financial statements of the Fund have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to enterprise funds of State and Local Governments on a going concern basis. The focus of enterprise funds is the measurement of economic resources, that is, the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery), financial position and cash flows. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Enterprise funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting.

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Revenues - Exchange and Non-Exchange Transactions - Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. Member Assessments are recognized as revenue at the time of assessment.

Expenses - On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include petty cash, change funds and cash in banks and all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase and are stated at cost plus accrued interest. Such is the definition of cash and cash equivalents used in the statement of cash flows. U.S. treasury and agency obligations and certificates of deposit with maturities of one year or less when purchased are stated at cost. All other investments are stated at fair value.

New Jersey governmental units are required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 to deposit public funds in a bank or trust company having its place of business in the State of New Jersey and organized under the laws of the United States or of the State of New Jersey or in the New Jersey Cash Management Fund. N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 provides a list of investments, which may be purchased by New Jersey governmental units. These permissible investments generally include bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America, government money market mutual funds, any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, bonds or other obligations of the local unit or bonds or other obligations of school district of which the local unit is a part or within which the school district is located, bonds or other obligations approved by the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs for investment by local units, local government investment pools, deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, and agreements for the purchase of fully collateralized securities with certain provisions. In addition, other State statutes permit investments in obligations issued by local authorities and other state agencies.

N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et seq. establishes the requirements for the security of deposits of governmental units. The statute requires that no governmental unit shall deposit public funds in a public depository unless such funds are secured in accordance with the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA"), a multiple financial institutional collateral pool, which was enacted in 1970 to protect governmental units from a loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey. Public depositories include State or federally chartered banks, savings banks or associations located in or having a branch office in the State of New Jersey, the deposits of which are federally insured.

All public depositories must pledge collateral, having a market value at least equal to five percent of the average daily balance of collected public funds, to secure the deposits of governmental units. If a public depository fails, the collateral it has pledged, plus the collateral of all other public depositories, is available to pay the amount of their deposits to the governmental units.

Additionally, the Fund has adopted a cash management plan that requires it to deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act. In lieu of designating a depository, the cash management plan may provide that the local unit make deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

Interest Income Allocation

Interest income was allocated based on the ratio of monthly average invested cash balances by line of coverage to the total amount invested applied to interest income credited for the month.

Revenue Recognition

Members were assessed monthly contributions based on a pro rata amount of the current estimates of projected losses, administrative expenses, the cost of reinsurance, and contingency fund needs for the year. Pass-through costs regarding HMO premiums were billed directly to the members who incurred the charges.

Additional Assessments and Dividend Credits (Refunds)

Members are subject to additional assessments if the regular contributions (premiums) collected in a year are not sufficient to cover all claims and expenses. Should premiums collected exceed claims and expenses, members may accrue a dividend credit subject to the discretion of the Executive Committee of the Fund and approval by the Department of Banking and Insurance. Dividends approved by the Executive Committee are shown in the financial statements as reserved Net Position pending State approval. Each member shares in these charges and credits based upon its participation in the various coverages provided. Refunds shall be declared not later than 180 days after the end of a year unless otherwise extended by the Commissioner of the Department of Banking and Insurance.

Claims Funding

The Fund is on a claim payment reimbursement basis with AETNA, AmeriHealth, Evernorth Health, Inc. (Express Scripts, Inc.), and Delta Dental (the third-party administrators). During the course of each month, the third party administrators pay respective plan benefit obligations, including medical services and capitation and incentives, prescription and dental. Upon payment of plan benefit obligations, requests for funding are transmitted to the Fund Treasurer who then wire transfers an amount equal to the paid obligations to the respective third party administrator.

Actuarial Liability

In order to recognize unpaid losses, a reserve is calculated by the Fund's actuary.

Liabilities for unpaid losses represent the estimated liability on claims reported to the Fund plus reserves for claims incurred but not yet reported. The liabilities for claims are evaluated using Fund and industry data, case basis evaluations and other statistical analyses, and represent estimates of the ultimate net cost of all losses incurred through December 31, 2022 and 2021.

These liabilities are subject to variability between estimated ultimate losses determined as described and the actual experience as it emerges, including the impact of future changes in claim severity, frequency, and other factors. Management believes that the liabilities for unpaid claims are adequate. The estimates are continually reviewed and as adjustments to these liabilities become necessary, such adjustments are reflected in current operations.

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

Reinsurance

The Fund seeks to limit its exposure to loss on any single insured and to recover a portion of benefits paid by ceding reinsurance to the Municipal Reinsurance Health Insurance Fund under excess coverage insurance contracts. Although the MRHIF is liable to the Fund for the amounts reinsured, the Fund remains liable to its insureds for the full amount of the policies written whether or not the MRHIF meets its obligations to the Fund. Failure of the MRHIF to honor its obligations could result in losses to the Fund. Losses ceded to reinsurers during 2022 and 2021 were \$651,358 and \$2,916,679, respectively.

Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses are comprised mainly of compensation for services rendered by servicing organizations and appointed officials pursuant to written fee guidelines submitted and approved by a majority of the Trustees/Executive Committee. In instances where invoices have not been submitted for specific periods, the maximum allowable contract amount has been accrued.

Net Position

In accordance with the provisions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 "Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments", the Fund has classified its net position as unrestricted. This component of net position consists of net positions that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets" and includes net position that may be allocated for specific purposes by the Trustees.

Income Taxes

The Fund is exempt from income taxes under Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Operating and Non-Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues include all revenues derived from member contributions. Non-operating revenues principally consist of interest income earned on various interest-bearing accounts and on investments in debt securities and positive changes in the Fund's investment in joint ventures.

Operating expenses include expenses associated with the fund operations, including claims expense, insurance and administrative expenses. Non-operating expenses include negative changes in the Fund's investment in joint ventures.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 3: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Custodial Credit Risk Related to Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Fund's deposits might not be recovered. Although the Fund does not have a formal policy regarding custodial credit risk, N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et seq. requires that governmental units shall deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA). Under the Act, the first \$250,000 of governmental deposits in each insured depository is protected by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Public funds owned by the Fund in excess of FDIC insured amounts are protected by GUDPA. However, GUDPA does not protect intermingled trust funds such as salary withholdings or funds that may pass to the Fund relative to the happening of a future condition. If the Fund had any such funds, they would be shown as Uninsured and Uncollateralized.

Of the Fund's bank balance of \$28,530,046 as of December 31, 2022, \$1,065,830 was insured while \$27,464,216 was collateralized under GUDPA.

Of the Fund's bank balance of \$39,172,307 as of December 31, 2021, \$1,148,814 was insured while \$38,023,493 was collateralized under GUDPA.

New Jersey Cash Management Fund

During the year, the Fund participated in the New Jersey Cash Management Fund. The Cash Management Fund is governed by regulations of the State Investment Council, who prescribe standards designed to insure the quality of investments in order to minimize risk to the Fund's participants. Deposits with the New Jersey Cash Management Fund are not subject to custodial credit risk as defined above. At December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Fund's deposits with the New Jersey Cash Management Fund were \$5,138,330 and \$14,158, respectively.

Note 4: STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PLAN SURCHARGE

Chapter 8, Public Law 1993, provides for insurers of school districts that do not participate in the State Health Benefits Plan (SHBP) to pay an annual surcharge to the program. The surcharge is determined by the State Treasurer and is based on a percentage of the total claims paid for the coverage of employees of the nonparticipating school districts. The surcharge is to compensate the SHBP for the excess cost of the health coverage of the school district's eligible retirees (25 or more years of credited service in a State-administered pension fund, or retired on disability with fewer years of service), who are covered in the SHBP.

Every November 1, a survey is sent to each nonparticipating school district requesting the name and address of their health benefits insurance carrier. A response is required by the end of November. The SHBP sends a surcharge payment request form on December 1 to the insurance carrier. The insurance carrier will complete the surcharge form and forward the form and payment to the SHBP by December 31. The surcharge form includes information such as adjustments from prior year payment, total claims paid, the surcharge rate and the amount to be remitted. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Fund recorded insurance expense of \$1,526,082 and \$1,376,019 for the State Health Benefits Program.

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 5: CHANGES IN UNPAID CLAIMS LIABILITIES

As discussed in Note 2, the Fund establishes a liability for both reported and unreported insured events, which includes estimates of future payments of losses and related allocated claim adjustment expenses.

The following represents changes in those aggregate undiscounted reported and unreported liabilities for the Fund during 2022 and 2021 for all open fund years net of excess insurance recoveries:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Total unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses all fund years - Beginning	<u>\$ 12,024,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,030,000</u>
Incurring claims and claim adjustment expenses:		
Provision for insured events of current fund year	115,969,511	97,608,731
Changes in provision for insured insured events of prior fund years	<u>(741,021)</u>	<u>1,323,728</u>
Total incurred claims and claim adjustment expenses all fund years	<u>115,228,490</u>	<u>98,932,459</u>
Payments:		
Claims and claim adjustment expenses:		
Attributable to insured events of current fund year	104,257,461	85,584,731
Attributable to insured events of prior fund years	<u>11,282,979</u>	<u>9,353,728</u>
Total payments all fund periods	<u>115,540,440</u>	<u>94,938,459</u>
Total unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses all fund years - Ending	<u><u>\$ 11,712,050</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 12,024,000</u></u>

Note 6: TRANSFER OF 2020 FUND PERIOD SURPLUS

The Executive Committee approved the closing of the 2020 Fund year and the transfer of the 2020 Fund year balances as of June, 30, 2022 resulting in a transfer of surplus in the amount of \$5,325,395 to the closed years account.

Note 7: MUNICIPAL REINSURANCE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND

Effective January 1, 2016, the Fund became a member of the Municipal Reinsurance Health Insurance Fund (MRHIF). The MRHIF is a risk-sharing public entity risk pool that is a self-administered group of joint insurance funds established for the purpose of providing excess health insurance coverage to participating members. Each member appoints an official to represent their respective joint insurance fund for the purpose of creating a governing body from which officers for the MRHIF are elected.

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 7: MUNICIPAL REINSURANCE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND (CONT'D)

As a member of the MRHIF, the Fund could be subject to supplemental assessments in the event of deficiencies. If the assets of the MRHIF were to be exhausted, members would become jointly and severely liable for the MRHIF's liabilities.

The MRHIF can declare and distribute dividends to members upon approval of the State of New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. These distributions are divided among the members in the same ratio as their individual assessment relates to the total assessment of the membership for that fund year.

Equity Interest

As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Fund's share of net position in the Municipal Reinsurance Health Insurance Fund were \$239,615 and \$712,537, respectively.

Selected Financial Information

Selected summarized financial information for the Municipal Reinsurance Health Insurance Fund as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 were as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 23,607,019</u>	<u>\$ 31,621,075</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 17,796,268</u>	<u>\$ 21,933,191</u>
Net Position	<u>\$ 5,810,751</u>	<u>\$ 9,687,884</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 18,766,034</u>	<u>\$ 17,087,032</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 21,143,166</u>	<u>\$ 19,975,765</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ (3,877,133)</u>	<u>\$ (7,388,733)</u>
Return of Surplus	<u>\$ 1,500,001</u>	<u>\$ 4,500,000</u>

Financial statements for the Municipal Reinsurance Health Insurance Fund are available at the office of the Fund's Executive Director:

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SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 8: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

As disclosed in Note 7, the Fund is a member of the Municipal Reinsurance Health Insurance Fund and accordingly has an ownership interest in MRHIF. Excess insurance premiums paid to MRHIF for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 were \$3,679,052 and \$2,766,281, respectively. Dividends paid from MRHIF to the Fund for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 were \$273,795 and \$730,938, respectively.

Note 9: RETURN OF SURPLUS

For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Executive Committee approved a surplus distribution in the amount of \$8,229,754. \$2,570,867 was payable from the 2020 Fund Year Account and \$5,658,887 was payable from the Closed Fund Years Account.

Note 10: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Claims

Medical claims processing turnaround time has increased and returned to its normal levels allowing for the Fund Actuary to lower the IBNR reserves.

Membership

Egg Harbor Township joined the Fund on January 1, 2023.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
RECONCILIATION OF HEALTH CLAIMS LIABILITIES BY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	<u>Medical</u>	<u>Prescription</u>	<u>Dental</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses - Beginning of Year	\$ 11,841,000	\$ 176,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 12,024,000
Incurred claims and claims adjustment expenses:				
Provision for insured events of current fund year	113,213,624	2,655,626	100,261	115,969,511
Changes in provision for insured events of prior fund years	(587,300)	(151,745)	(1,976)	(741,021)
Total incurred claims and claims adjustment expenses all Fund years	112,626,324	2,503,881	98,285	115,228,490
Payments:				
Claims and claims adjustment expenses (Net of Recoveries):				
Attributable to insured events of current fund year	101,621,294	2,544,676	91,491	104,257,461
Attributable to insured events of prior fund years	11,253,700	24,255	5,024	11,282,979
Total payments all Fund years	112,874,994	2,568,931	96,515	115,540,440
Total unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses - End of Year	\$ 11,592,330	\$ 110,950	\$ 8,770	\$ 11,712,050

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
SEVEN-YEAR CLAIMS DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022

	FUND YEAR						
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net Earned Required Contribution and Investment Revenue:							
Earned	\$ 52,968,475	\$ 56,869,598	\$ 85,071,422	\$ 103,254,747	\$ 101,295,485	\$ 107,372,970	\$ 129,185,777
Ceded	3,198,980	3,016,632	4,140,195	4,767,377	4,492,323	4,502,733	5,599,320
	<u>\$ 49,769,495</u>	<u>\$ 53,852,966</u>	<u>\$ 80,931,227</u>	<u>\$ 98,487,370</u>	<u>\$ 96,803,162</u>	<u>\$ 102,870,237</u>	<u>\$ 123,586,457</u>
Unallocated Expenses	<u>\$ 4,500,464</u>	<u>\$ 4,498,659</u>	<u>\$ 6,800,392</u>	<u>\$ 8,040,411</u>	<u>\$ 8,070,531</u>	<u>\$ 8,493,344</u>	<u>\$ 9,845,708</u>
Estimated Claims and Expenses, End of Policy Year:							
Incurred	\$ 47,994,655	\$ 44,303,520	\$ 68,728,685	\$ 81,466,336	\$ 81,042,645	\$ 100,715,964	\$ 116,686,653
Ceded	2,893,722	391,209	1,144,111	297,519	1,530,558	3,107,233	717,142
Net Incurred	<u>45,100,933</u>	<u>43,912,311</u>	<u>67,584,574</u>	<u>81,168,817</u>	<u>79,512,087</u>	<u>97,608,731</u>	<u>115,969,511</u>
Paid (Cumulative) as of:							
End of Policy Year	39,720,933	39,282,311	59,365,574	73,239,054	71,482,087	85,584,731	104,257,491
One Year Later	44,664,135	43,476,010	69,896,937	80,320,077	80,836,370	96,747,476	
Two Years Later (A)	44,664,135	43,476,010	69,896,937	80,484,770	81,121,296		
Reestimated Incurred Claims and Expenses:							
End of Policy Year	45,100,933	43,912,311	67,584,574	81,168,817	79,512,087	97,608,731	115,969,511
One Year Later	44,764,135	43,496,010	68,565,931	79,489,281	80,836,370	96,747,476	
Two Years Later (A)	44,764,135	43,496,010	68,595,941	80,484,770	81,121,296		
Increase (Decrease) in Estimated Incurred Claims and Expenses from End of Policy Year	<u>\$ (336,798)</u>	<u>\$ (416,301)</u>	<u>\$ 1,011,367</u>	<u>\$ (684,047)</u>	<u>\$ 1,324,283</u>	<u>\$ (861,255)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

(A) At the end of the Second Fund Year the residual Fund Year Surplus or Deficit is transferred to the Closed Fund Year Account. Accordingly, residual data is not available to track activity after the second year.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - STATUTORY BASIS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022

		Fund Years		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Closed Years</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash And Cash Equivalents	\$ 33,309,446	\$ 7,551,777	\$ (2,689,807)	\$ 28,447,476
Investments				
Contributions Receivable	651,594	629,906	10,050	11,638
Accrued Interest Receivable	36			36
Excess Insurance Receivable	819,791	510,617	309,174	
Prescription Rebates Receivable	1,757,908	1,757,908		
Refund Receivable	5,178	5,178		
Prepaid Expense	2,517	2,517		
Total Assets	<u>\$ 36,546,470</u>	<u>\$ 10,457,903</u>	<u>\$ (2,370,583)</u>	<u>\$ 28,459,150</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND RESERVES</u>				
Liabilities:				
Accrued Insurance Premiums	\$ 812,435	\$ 812,435		
Accrued Expenses	162,180	162,180		
Surplus Return Reserve	12,640,308			\$ 12,640,308
Total Liabilities	<u>13,614,923</u>	<u>974,615</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,640,308</u>
Reserves:				
Actuarial Liability	<u>11,712,050</u>	<u>11,712,050</u>		
Total Reserves	<u>11,712,050</u>	<u>11,712,050</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities And Reserves	<u>25,326,973</u>	<u>12,686,665</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,640,308</u>
<u>NET POSITION (DEFICIT)</u>				
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 11,219,497</u>	<u>\$ (2,228,762)</u>	<u>\$ (2,370,583)</u>	<u>\$ 15,818,842</u>

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION - STATUTORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

		Fund Years		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Closed Years</u>
Operating Revenues:				
Regular Contributions	\$ 128,731,601	\$ 128,584,678		\$ 146,923
Employee Contribution	514,279	514,279		
Total Operating Revenues	129,245,880	129,098,957	-	146,923
Operating Expenses:				
Provision For Claims And				
Claims Adjustment Expenses (Recoveries)	115,228,490	115,969,511	\$ (861,254)	120,233
Reinsurance	4,073,238	4,073,238		
State Health Benefits				
Program Surcharge Premiums	1,518,563	1,526,082	(7,519)	
Administration	9,670,692	9,845,708	(175,018)	2
Total Operating Expenses	130,490,983	131,414,539	(1,043,791)	120,235
Operating Income (Loss)	(1,245,103)	(2,315,582)	1,043,791	26,688
Non-Operating Revenue:				
Investment Income	306,623	86,820	19,244	200,559
Dividend Income	273,795			273,795
	580,418	86,820	19,244	474,354
Change In Net Position	(664,685)	(2,228,762)	1,063,035	501,042
Net Position (Deficit), Beginning	11,884,182	-	(3,433,618)	15,317,800
Return Of Surplus	-	-	-	-
Net Position (Deficit), Ending	\$ 11,219,497	\$ (2,228,762)	\$ (2,370,583)	\$ 15,818,842

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - STATUTORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Fund Years			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Closed Years</u>
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:				
Receipts From Regular Contributions	\$ 129,791,327	\$ 128,469,051	\$ 1,211,826	\$ 110,450
Payments For Health Benefits Claims	(113,497,614)	(106,525,986)	(7,877,051)	905,423
Payments For Insurance Premiums	(5,475,850)	(4,786,885)	(688,965)	
Payments/Refunds To/From Professionals And Supplies	(9,581,998)	(9,691,223)	109,287	(62)
Net Cash Flows Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities	1,235,865	7,464,957	(7,244,903)	1,015,811
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:				
Investment Income	580,382	86,820	19,244	474,318
Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities:				
Return of Surplus	(7,490,146)			(7,490,146)
Net Increase (Decrease) In Cash And Cash Equivalents	(5,673,899)	7,551,777	(7,225,659)	(6,000,017)
Cash And Cash Equivalents, Beginning	38,983,345	-	4,535,852	34,447,493
Cash And Cash Equivalents, Ending	\$ 33,309,446	\$ 7,551,777	\$ (2,689,807)	\$ 28,447,476
Reconciliation Of Operating Income (Loss) To				
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:				
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (1,245,103)	\$ (2,315,582)	\$ 1,043,791	\$ 26,688
Adjustments To Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) To Net				
Cash Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities:				
Changes In Assets And Liabilities:				
Decrease (Increase) In Assets:				
Contributions Receivable	545,447	(629,906)	1,211,826	(36,473)
Excess Insurance Receivable	3,313,098	(510,617)	2,798,059	1,025,656
Prescription Rebates Receivable	(1,270,272)	(1,757,908)	487,636	
Wellness Reimbursement Receivable	56,175		56,175	
Refund Receivable	(5,178)	(5,178)		
Prepaid Expense	25,208	(2,517)	27,725	
Increase (Decrease) In Liabilities:				
Accrued Expenses	12,489	162,180	(149,631)	(60)
Accrued Excess Insurance Premium	115,951	812,435	(696,484)	
Actuarial Liability	(311,950)	11,712,050	(12,024,000)	
Total Adjustments	2,480,968	9,780,539	(8,288,694)	989,123
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities	\$ 1,235,865	\$ 7,464,957	\$ (7,244,903)	\$ 1,015,811

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
NOTES TO SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – STATUTORY BASIS

Note 1: **RELATIONSHIP WITH BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The information in the Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund (the “Fund”)’s basic financial statements, Exhibits A-1 through A-3, differ from the accompanying supplementary schedules required by the Division of Banking and Insurance. The supplementary schedules do not reflect the Fund's Investment in Joint Venture as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022:

Total Assets – Statement of Net Position	\$ 36,786,085
Less Investment in Joint Venture	<u>239,615</u>
Total Assets – Statutory Basis	<u><u>\$ 36,546,470</u></u>
Net Position – Statement of Net Position	\$ 11,459,112
Less Investment in Joint Venture	<u>239,615</u>
Net Position – Statutory Basis	<u><u>\$ 11,219,497</u></u>
Change in Net Positon - Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position	\$ (1,137,607)
Less Change in Investment in Joint Venture	<u>(472,922)</u>
Change in Net Position – Statutory Basis	<u><u>\$ (664,685)</u></u>

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
STATEMENT OF FUND YEAR 2022 ACCOUNT OPERATING RESULTS ANALYSIS - STATUTORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	<u>Medical*</u>	<u>Medical Adv</u>	<u>Dental</u>	<u>Prescription</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Reinsurance</u>	<u>Administrative</u>	<u>Total</u>
Income:								
Regular Contributions	\$ 111,793,476	\$ 361,724	\$ 78,853	\$ 2,055,967	\$ 47,356	\$ 3,546,090	\$ 10,701,212	\$ 128,584,678
Employee Contribution	514,279							514,279
Investment Income	78,607	2,548			345		5,320	86,820
Total Income	112,386,362	364,272	78,853	2,055,967	47,701	3,546,090	10,706,532	129,185,777
Incurred Liabilities:								
Claims Paid (Net of Refunds)	102,338,436		91,491	2,544,676				104,974,603
Excess Insurance Recoveries	(717,142)							(717,142)
Actuarial Liability (Net of Recoverables)	11,592,330		8,770	110,950				11,712,050
Insurance Premiums	1,526,082	394,186				3,679,052		5,599,320
Administrative Expenses							9,845,708	9,845,708
Total Liabilities	114,739,706	394,186	100,261	2,655,626	-	3,679,052	9,845,708	131,414,539
Net Position (Deficit)	\$ (2,353,344)	\$ (29,914)	\$ (21,408)	\$ (599,659)	\$ 47,701	\$ (132,962)	\$ 860,824	\$ (2,228,762)

*Includes Retirees And COBRA

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
STATEMENT OF FUND YEAR 2021 ACCOUNT OPERATING RESULTS ANALYSIS - STATUTORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	<u>Medical*</u>	<u>Medical Adv</u>	<u>Dental</u>	<u>Prescription</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Reinsurance</u>	<u>Administrative</u>	<u>Total</u>
Income:								
Regular Contributions	\$ 91,812,591	\$ 346,726	\$ 69,777	\$ 2,358,835	\$ 52,537	\$ 2,655,197	\$ 9,713,822	\$ 107,009,485
Employee Contribution	305,023							305,023
Investment Income	37,681	4,928			749	10	15,094	58,462
Total Income	92,155,295	351,654	69,777	2,358,835	53,286	2,655,207	9,728,916	107,372,970
Incurred Liabilities:								
Claims Paid (Net of Refunds)	98,685,903		91,233	2,980,976				101,758,112
Excess Insurance Recoveries	(5,010,636)							(5,010,636)
Actuarial Liability (Net of Recoverables)	(183,000)		7,000	176,000				-
Insurance Premiums	1,376,019	360,433				2,766,281		4,502,733
Administrative Expenses							8,493,344	8,493,344
Total Liabilities	94,868,286	360,433	98,233	3,156,976	-	2,766,281	8,493,344	109,743,553
Net Position (Deficit)	\$ (2,712,991)	\$ (8,779)	\$ (28,456)	\$ (798,141)	\$ 53,286	\$ (111,074)	\$ 1,235,572	\$ (2,370,583)

*Includes Retirees And COBRA

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
STATEMENT OF FUND YEAR 2022 EXPENSE ANALYSIS - STATUTORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Accrued Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>
Administrative Expenses:			
Executive Director	\$ 1,519,361		\$ 1,519,361
Program Manager	2,689,054		2,689,054
Broker Fee	2,230,257		2,230,257
Third Party Administrators:			
Medical	2,676,167		2,676,167
Dental	6,334		6,334
Guardian Nurses	432,600		432,600
Actuary	12,000		12,000
Attorney	24,434	\$ 2,526	26,960
Auditor		20,600	20,600
Treasurer	19,300		19,300
Postage	802	61	863
Plan Documents	12,500		12,500
Meeting Expense	8,591		8,591
Patient Centered Outcome Research Fee	35,695		35,695
Miscellaneous Expense	5,411	15	5,426
Wellness Program (Net of Reimbursement)	11,022	138,978	150,000
Total Administrative Expenses	\$ 9,683,528	\$ 162,180	\$ 9,845,708

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
STATEMENT OF FUND YEAR 2021 EXPENSE ANALYSIS - STATUTORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Accrued Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>
Administrative Expenses:			
Executive Director	\$ 1,236,349		\$ 1,236,349
Program Manager	2,284,652		2,284,652
Broker Fee	1,914,229		1,914,229
Third Party Administrators:			
Medical	2,453,342		2,453,342
Dental	5,891		5,891
Guardian Nurses	420,000		420,000
Actuary	36,587		36,587
Attorney	26,378		26,378
Auditor	19,800		19,800
Treasurer	20,036		20,036
Postage	634		634
Plan Documents	14,712		14,712
Meeting Expense	3,942		3,942
Patient Centered Outcome Research Fee	33,215		33,215
Miscellaneous Expense	13,547		13,547
Wellness Program	10,030		10,030
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Total Administrative Expenses	\$ 8,493,344	-	\$ 8,493,344
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SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - STATUTORY BASIS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Cash And Cash Equivalents</u>	
Cash Accounts	
Investors Bank	
General Account	\$ 275,129
New Jersey Cash Management Fund	5,138,330
Ocean First Bank	
Operating Account	7,561,350
Investment Account	22,234
Republic Bank	
Checking Account	1,010
Investment Account	20,033,999
William Penn Bank	
Investment Account	265,675
Wilmington Trust	
Money Market Account	11,719
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Total Cash And Cash Equivalents	33,309,446
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Total Cash And Cash Equivalents Per Schedule A	
Statement Of Net Position - Statutory Basis	\$ 33,309,446
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Total Cash And Cash Equivalents By Fund Year:	
2022	\$ 7,551,777
2021	(2,689,807)
Closed Years	28,447,476
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	\$ 33,309,446
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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, fraud, noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements related to the financial statements for which *Government Auditing Standards* and audit requirements as prescribed by the Department of Banking and Insurance and the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, requires.

SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

None

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS AS PREPARED BY MANAGEMENT

This section identifies the status of prior year audit findings related to the financial statements that are required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and in compliance with audit requirements as prescribed by the Department of Banking and Insurance and the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.

None

APPRECIATION

We express our appreciation for the assistance provided to us during our audit.

Respectfully submitted,
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Certified Public Accountants
& Consultants

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dennis J. Skalkowski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dennis J. Skalkowski
Certified Public Accountant