

**Howard County General Hospital, Inc.
5755 Cedar Lane
Columbia, MD 21044-2999**

**Summary Annual Report
for
HOWARD COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL, INC.
CASH BALANCE PENSION PLAN**

This is a summary of the annual report for the HOWARD COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL, INC. CASH BALANCE PENSION PLAN, (Employer Identification No. 52-2093120, Plan No. 001) for the period January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008. The annual report has been filed with the Employee Benefits Security Administration, as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Benefits under the plan are provided by a trust (benefits are provided in whole from trust funds). Plan expenses were \$1,006,017. These expenses included \$88,026 in administrative expenses and \$917,991 in benefits paid to participants and beneficiaries. A total of 296 persons were participants in or beneficiaries of the plan at the end of the plan year, although not all of these persons had yet earned the right to receive benefits.

The value of plan assets, after subtracting liabilities of the plan, was \$8,851,668 as of December 31, 2008 compared to \$14,823,601 as of January 1, 2008. During the plan year the plan experienced a decrease in its net assets of \$5,971,933. This decrease includes unrealized appreciation or depreciation in the value of plan assets; that is, the difference between the value of the plan's assets at the end of the year and the value of the assets at the beginning of the year, or the cost of assets acquired during the year. The plan had total income of \$ (4,965,916), including earnings from investments of \$ (4,965,916).

YOUR RIGHTS TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You have the right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, on request. The items listed below are included in that report:

1. An accountant's report;
2. Financial information and information on payments to service providers; and
3. Information regarding any common or collective trust, pooled separate accounts, master trusts or 103-12 investment entities in which the plan participates.

To obtain a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, write or call the office of the Plan Administrative Committee, who is the plan administrator. Offices of Human

Resources, Howard County General Hospital, Inc., 5755 Cedar Lane, Columbia, MD 21044-2999, (410) 740-7890. These portions of the report are furnished without charge.

You also have the right to receive from the plan administrator, on request and at no charge, a statement of the assets and liabilities of the plan and accompanying notes, or a statement of income and expenses of the plan and accompanying notes, or both. If you request a copy of the full annual report from the plan administrator, these two statements and accompanying notes will be included as part of that report. These portions of the report are furnished without charge.

You also have the legally protected right to examine the annual report at the main office of the plan:

Plan Administrative Committee
Offices of Human Resources
Howard County General Hospital, Inc.
5755 Cedar Lane
Columbia, MD 21044-2999

And at the following address:

Human Resources Department
Howard County General Hospital, Inc.
5755 Cedar Lane
Columbia, MD 21044-2999
52-2093120

and at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C., or to obtain a copy from the U.S. Department of Labor upon payment of copying costs. Requests to the Department should be addressed to:

U.S. Department of Labor,
Employee Benefits Security Administration
Public Disclosure Room
200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Suite N-1513
Washington, D.C. 20210.