

CARDINAL HEALTH INC  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
Form 11-K

o ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017

or

o TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number: 1-11373

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

Cardinal Health 401(k) Savings Plan

B. Name of the issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

Cardinal Health, Inc.

7000 Cardinal Place

Dublin, Ohio 43017

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Cardinal Health 401(k) Savings Plan  
Financial Statements and Supplemental Information  
Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016  
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\* All other financial schedules required by Section 2520.103-10 of the U.S. Department of Labor's Annual Reporting and Disclosure Requirements under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, have been omitted because they are not applicable.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Plan Participants and the Plan Administrator of Cardinal Health 401(k) Savings Plan

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of Cardinal Health 401(k) Savings Plan (the Plan) as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan at December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Plan's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Plan in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Plan is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Supplemental Schedule

The accompanying supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2017, has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Plan's financial statements. The information in the supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the information reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental schedule. In forming our opinion on the information, we evaluated whether such information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

We have served as the Plan's auditor since 2002.

Grandview Heights, Ohio

June 21, 2018

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 Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits  
 December 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017	2016
Assets		
Plan's interest in Stable Value Master Trust	\$313,516,326	\$324,057,253
Investments at fair value	2,792,363,640	2,362,660,229
Accrued income	1,456,805	1,747,479
Cash	—	55,752
Receivables:		
Notes receivable from participants	73,646,241	69,590,329
Company contributions	5,891,360	5,080,947
Participant contributions	4,095,313	3,361,506
Pending trades	578,990	606,540,112
Total receivables	84,211,904	684,572,894
Total assets	3,191,548,675	3,373,093,607
Liabilities		
Cash overdraft	66,309	—
Accrued fees	407,385	32,959
Pending trades payable	531,422	607,794,159
Total liabilities	1,005,116	607,827,118
Net assets available for benefits	\$3,190,543,559	\$2,765,266,489

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Cardinal Health 401(k) Savings Plan  
 Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits  
 For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017	2016
Additions to net assets attributed to:		
Investment income:		
Plan's interest in Stable Value Master Trust's net investment income	\$6,609,289	\$6,589,224
Net appreciation in the fair value of investments	377,514,909	103,922,800
Interest and dividends	28,665,778	29,054,701
Total investment income	412,789,976	139,566,725
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	3,130,411	2,869,085
Contributions:		
Company	61,215,483	85,053,000
Participant	124,444,131	114,804,207
Rollovers	39,692,927	12,469,552
Total contributions	225,352,541	212,326,759
Total additions	641,272,928	354,762,569
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Benefits paid to participants	213,258,678	210,219,836
Administrative expenses	2,737,180	2,540,344
Total deductions	215,995,858	212,760,180
Net increase	425,277,070	142,002,389
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	2,765,266,489	2,623,264,100
End of year	\$3,190,543,559	\$2,765,266,489

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Cardinal Health 401(k) Savings Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2017 and 2016

1. Description of Plan

General

The Cardinal Health 401(k) Savings Plan (the “Plan”) is a defined contribution plan, covering substantially all U.S. employees of Cardinal Health, Inc. (the “Company”) and certain of its subsidiaries. Employees who are covered by a collective bargaining agreement are not eligible to participate, unless the agreement provides for participation, and employees who are covered by the Cardinal Health 401(k) Savings Plan for Employees of Puerto Rico are not eligible to participate. Eligible employees participate upon their date of hire. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”).

The Cardinal Health Stable Value Fund (the “Stable Value Master Trust”) was established for the Plan and certain other plans of the Company. See Note 3 for more information regarding the Stable Value Master Trust.

Effective January 1, 2016, the Plan was amended and restated in compliance with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”).

The following description of the Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

Administration

The Company is the Plan administrator, and the Company’s Financial Benefit Plans Committee (the “Committee”) is responsible for the general operation and administration of the Plan.

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (“Wells Fargo”) serves as the Plan trustee, record keeper, and asset custodian.

Contributions

Contributions that may be made to the Plan include participant elective contributions, rollover contributions, and Company matching, discretionary employer, and discretionary special contributions.

Participants may elect to contribute up to 50% of their eligible compensation (subject to certain limitations), as defined by the Plan. Participants who have or will attain at least age 50 by the end of the Plan year may elect to contribute up to an additional \$6,000 in 2017 and 2016 as a catch-up contribution. Participant contributions may be contributed on a pre-tax basis or as “Roth” contributions or as a combination of the two, subject to applicable limitations. Rollover contributions may also include Roth rollovers.

Matching contributions sufficient to meet the safe harbor requirements under the Code were made to each eligible participant. Specifically, the Company matched 100% of the first 3% of participant elective contributions, and 50% of the next 2% of elective contributions. Matching contributions are allocated on an aggregate basis to both pre-tax and Roth elective contributions, subject to the matching limitations in the preceding sentence.

Discretionary employer contributions are allocated to participants based generally on their proportionate share of total eligible compensation and eligible compensation above the Social Security taxable wage base amount for the year of allocation.

The Plan’s discretionary employer contribution is known as the Company Performance Contribution (“CPC”), and is contingent upon the Company’s financial performance. To be eligible for the CPC, participants generally must be employed on the last day of the Company’s fiscal year, June 30. If financial performance goals are met, the CPC is calculated on eligible compensation earned during the Company’s fiscal year and contributed in a lump sum to participant accounts. The CPC is recognized by the Plan in the year the contribution is made to the Plan. For the Company’s fiscal years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, the CPC was \$0 and \$36,192,887, respectively, and the 2016 CPC was deposited into participants accounts in August 2016.

The discretionary special contributions, if any, are allocated to the participants in the eligible group ratably based on their proportionate share of the total eligible compensation in that group. No discretionary special contributions were made for the Plan for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Company’s matching, discretionary employer and discretionary special contributions, if any, are also invested as

directed by participants.

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1. Description of Plan (continued)

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's elective contributions, any rollover contributions made by the participant, and allocations of the Company's contributions and Plan earnings. A participant is entitled to the benefit provided from the participant's vested account balance.

Vesting

Participants are 100% vested immediately in their elective deferral, rollover, and Company matching contributions, plus actual earnings thereon. A participant is 100% vested in the Company's discretionary employer and discretionary special contributions after three years of vesting service, or if the participant dies, becomes totally disabled, or reaches retirement age, as defined by the Plan document, while employed by the Company. The Plan provides for the partial vesting of the Company contributions to non-highly compensated participants with more than one year, but less than three years of vesting service, who were terminated as part of a designated reduction in workforce, as defined in the Plan document.

Forfeitures

Non-vested account balances are generally forfeited either upon full distribution of vested balances or completion of five consecutive one-year breaks in service, as defined by the Plan document. Forfeitures are first used to reduce Company contributions to the Plan and then to pay reasonable expenses of the Plan, pursuant to guidelines determined by the Committee.

Forfeitures used to reduce Company contributions and pay reasonable expenses were \$1,460,079 and \$9,773,070 during 2017 and 2016, respectively. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, forfeited non-vested accounts were \$78,061 and \$0, respectively.

Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses are paid by the Company or from the assets of the Plan. General expenses paid from the Plan's assets are allocated among participant accounts to the extent not paid from forfeitures, except for fees for loans, withdrawals, and Qualified Domestic Relations Orders which are paid from the account of the participant incurring the expense.

For the year ended December 31, 2017, revenue sharing and sub-transfer agent fee income received by the Plan was credited to the accounts of participants who held revenue sharing and sub-transfer income investments. During 2017, participants earned \$348,016 in revenue and sub-transfer agent fee income.

Prior to January 1, 2017, revenue sharing and sub-transfer agent fee income received by the Plan was credited to an administrative account and were used to reduce administrative expenses. During 2016, the Plan earned \$1,711,463 in revenue sharing and sub-transfer agent fee income.

Participant Loans

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000, less the highest outstanding loan balance during the prior 12 months or 50% of their vested account balance. Loan terms primarily range from 1 to 5 years or up to 15 years for the purchase of a primary residence. Participant loans are secured by 50% of the vested balance in the participant's account as of the date of the loan and bear interest at a reasonable rate, as established by the Committee, currently Prime plus 1%, which is set for the life of the loan. Interest rates for new loans are subject to change on a monthly basis. Loan repayments, including interest and applicable loan fees, are generally repaid through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of employment, death, retirement or total disability, distributions are generally made in the form of a lump-sum payment or installments. In addition, the Plan includes a provision for participants to make withdrawals from their rollover contributions account at any time, elective contributions account under certain hardship circumstances, or their account after attaining age 59 1/2, as defined in the Plan document. Required qualified joint and survivor annuity payment options are preserved for the portion of participant accounts transferred to the Plan from



a money purchase pension plan, if any.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”).

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements and accompanying notes and supplemental schedules. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncement

In February 2017, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2017-06, Plan Accounting: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Topic 960), Defined Contribution Pension Plans (Topic 962), Health and Welfare Benefit Plans (Topic 965): Employee Benefit Plan Master Trust Reporting. The ASU requires a plan’s interest in each master trust and any change in that interest to be presented in separate line items in the statement of net assets available for benefits and in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits, respectively. The ASU also removes the requirement to disclose the percentage interest in the master trust for plans with divided interests and requires that all plans disclose the dollar amount of their interest in each of the general types of investments, which supplements the existing requirement to disclose the master trust’s balances in each general type of investments. Finally, the ASU requires all plans to disclose (1) their master trust’s other asset and liability balances and (2) the dollar amount of the plan’s interest in each of those balances. The ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, with retrospective application to all periods presented. Early adoption is permitted. Management is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption to the Plan’s financial statements and the timing of adoption.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Certain Plan investments are in the Stable Value Master Trust, while others are held in custody by Wells Fargo. Plan investments, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts (see Note 3), are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis using fair market value, except for those investments in investment contracts that are transacted at contract value. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest is recorded on the accrual basis. Net appreciation includes the Plan’s gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held, during the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants represent participant loans that are recorded at their unpaid principal balance, plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income on notes receivable from participants is recorded when it is earned. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan sponsor deems the participant loan to be a distribution, the participant loan balance is retained as a defaulted loan amount until a distributable event occurs, at which time the loan amount is offset from the value of the account.

Payment of Benefits

Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

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3. Assets Held in the Stable Value Master Trust

Certain of the Plan's investments are held in the Stable Value Master Trust, which was established for the investment of assets of the Plan and other Company-sponsored retirement plans. Each participating plan's interest in the investment funds (i.e., separate accounts) of the Stable Value Master Trust is based on account balances of the participants and their elected investment funds. The Stable Value Master Trust's assets are allocated among the participating plans by assigning to each plan those transactions (primarily contributions, benefit payments, and plan-specific expenses) that can be specifically identified and by allocating among all plans, in proportion to the fair value of the assets assigned to each plan, income and expenses resulting from the collective investment of the assets of the Stable Value Master Trust. The Plan's interest in the Stable Value Master Trust's net investment income (loss) presented in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits consists of the unrealized and realized gains (losses) and the earnings on those investments.

The Stable Value Master Trust holds synthetic investment contracts which meet the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore are reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value represents contributions made under each contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses.

The Plan owns the underlying investments of the synthetic investment contracts. A synthetic investment contract includes a wrapper contract, which is an agreement for the wrap issuer, such as a bank or insurance company, to make payments to the Plan in certain circumstances. The wrapper contract typically includes certain conditions and limitations on the underlying assets owned by the Plan. Synthetic investment contracts are designed to accrue interest based on crediting rates established by the contract issuers.

The synthetic investment contracts held by the Plan include wrapper contracts which provide a guarantee that the credit rate will not fall below 0%. Cash flow volatility (e.g., timing of benefit payments), as well as asset underperformance, can be passed through to the Plan through adjustments to future contract crediting rates. Formulas are provided in the contracts that adjust renewal crediting rates to recognize the difference between fair value and the book value of the underlying assets. Crediting rates are reviewed quarterly for resetting.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with fully benefit-responsive investment contracts is dependent on the third-party issuers' ability to meet their financial obligations. The issuers' ability to meet their contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers. These events may be different under each contract. Examples of such events include the following:

Plan disqualification under the Code;

Establishment of a defined contribution plan by the Company that competes for participant contributions;

Material amendments to the Plan or administration as to investment options, transfer procedures, or withdrawals;

Company's inducement to participants to withdraw or transfer funds from the contract;

- Termination or partial termination of the Plan;

Group termination, layoff, early retirement incentive program, or other downsizing by the Company;

Merger or consolidation of the Plan with another plan or spin-off of any portion of the Plan's assets to another Plan; and

Any changes in law, regulation, ruling, or administrative or judicial position that, in the issuer's reasonable determination, could result in substantial disbursements from the contract.

No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.



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## 3. Assets Held in the Stable Value Master Trust (continued)

In addition, certain events allow the issuers to terminate the contracts with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Those events may be different under each contract. Examples of such events include the following:

- The investment manager or trustee breaches any of its material obligations under the agreement;
- Any representation of the investment manager is or becomes untrue in any material respect;
- The investment manager with respect to the contract is terminated, unless a qualified professional manager is duly appointed and is agreed to by the issuer;
- The issuer determines that the execution, delivery, or performance of the contract constitutes or will constitute a prohibited transaction;
- Failure to pay amounts due to the issuer; and
- Termination of the Plan, or disqualification of the trust.

Each investment contract is subject to early termination penalties that may be significant. There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuers or other matters.

The Stable Value Master Trust also holds a stable value common collective trust that is composed primarily of fully benefit-responsive investment contracts and is valued at the net asset value of units of the collective trust. The common collective trust is designed to deliver safety and stability by preserving principal and accumulate earnings. The net asset value is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. This practical expedient would not be used if it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different from the reported net asset value. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. If the Plan initiates a full redemption of the collective trust, the issuer reserves the right to require a one-year notice in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner. The Plan has no contractual obligations to further invest in the fund. The assets held in the Stable Value Master Trust were as follows:

	December 31		
	2017	2016	
Fully benefit-responsive synthetic investment contracts - at contract value	\$296,177,160	\$299,994,937	
Common collective trusts - at fair value	21,212,378	27,503,231	
Cash and pending activity	(498,499 )	(191,039 )	
Total net assets in Master Trust	\$316,891,039	\$327,307,129	
Plan's ownership percentage in:			
Master Trust	99	% 99	%
Each investment held of the Master Trust:			
Fully benefit-responsive synthetic investment contracts	99	% 99	%
Common collective trusts	99	% 99	%
Other	99	% 99	%

The investment income of the Stable Value Master Trust was as follows for the years ended December 31:

	2017	2016
Dividend and interest income	\$6,421,013	\$6,100,726
Net appreciation in the fair value of investments	256,955	550,744
Total investment income	\$6,677,968	\$6,651,470

Plan's investment income percentage            99            % 99            %

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4. Fair Value Measurements

ASC 820, Fair Value Measurement, provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820 are described as follows:

Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

• quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;

• quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;

• inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and

• inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation techniques and inputs used for each general type of assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2017 and 2016.

Mutual funds and common shares fair values are determined utilizing quoted market prices reported on the active market on which they are traded.

The common collective trusts ("CCTs") are valued utilizing the respective net asset values as reported by such trusts, which are reported at fair value. The fair value has been determined by the trustee sponsoring the CCT by dividing the trust's net assets at fair value by its units outstanding at the valuation dates. There are no restrictions as to the redemption of these investments, nor does the Plan have any contractual obligations to further invest in any of these CCTs.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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## 4. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the fair value of the Plan's assets held outside of the Stable Value Master Trust as of December 31, 2017 and 2016:

	December 31, 2017			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$1,155,838,709	\$ —	\$ —	—\$1,155,838,709
Cardinal Health, Inc., common shares	180,638,542	—	—	180,638,542
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	1,336,477,251	—	—	1,336,477,251
Common collective trusts measured at net asset value	—	—	—	1,455,886,389
Total assets at fair value	\$1,336,477,251	\$ —	\$ —	—\$2,792,363,640
	December 31, 2016			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$937,571,243	\$ —	\$ —	—\$937,571,243
Cardinal Health, Inc., common shares	216,415,589	—	—	216,415,589
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	1,153,986,832	—	—	1,153,986,832
Common collective trusts measured at net asset value	—	—	—	1,208,673,397
Total assets at fair value	\$1,153,986,832	\$ —	\$ —	—\$2,362,660,229

## 5. Income Tax Status

On September 22, 2017, the Plan received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") based on plan amendments through December 4, 2015, stating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. The Plan was subsequently amended. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualified status. The plan administrator believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and, therefore, believes the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

GAAP requires plan management to evaluate uncertain tax positions taken by the Plan. The financial statement effects of a tax position are recognized when the position is more likely than not, based on the technical merits, to be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken. The Plan has recognized no interest or penalties related to uncertain tax positions. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.



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## 6. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

## 7. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

## 8. Related Party and Parties-in-Interest Transactions

Certain Plan investments held by the Plan at December 31, 2017 and 2016, were units of CCTs managed by Wells Fargo. The Stable Value Master Trust is managed by Galliard Capital, a wholly owned subsidiary of Wells Fargo. Wells Fargo serves as the trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, transactions involving these investments are considered party-in-interest transactions, but comply with an applicable exemption to the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA.

The Plan held \$180,638,542 and \$216,415,589 of Cardinal Health, Inc. common shares at December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

## 9. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500:

	December 31	
	2017	2016
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$3,190,543,559	\$2,765,266,489
Amounts allocated to withdrawing participants	(1,468,715)	—
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	\$3,189,074,844	\$2,765,266,489

The following is a reconciliation of the benefit payments per the financial statements to Form 5500:

	2017
Benefits payments per the financial statements	\$213,258,678
Amounts allocated to withdrawing participants	
At December 31, 2016	—
At December 31, 2017	1,468,715
Corrective distributions	(24,856)
Net deemed distributions	59,353
Benefits paid to participants per Form 5500	\$214,761,890

The following is a reconciliation of the net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500:

	2017
Net increase in assets per the financial statements	\$425,277,070
Change in amounts allocated to withdrawing participants	(1,468,715)
Net income per Form 5500	\$423,808,355

## 10. Subsequent Event

Effective January 1, 2018, the Plan was amended to: 1) modify the Plan's safe harbor matching contribution formula; 2) modify the Plan's governance processes and amendment authority; and 3) make other technical and conforming changes.

Under this amendment, on and after January 1, 2018, the Company matches 200% of each participant's compensation deferral contributions that do not exceed 1% of the participant's compensation, 100% of each participant's compensation deferral contributions that exceed 1% of the participant's compensation but that do not exceed 2% of the participant's compensation, and 50% of each participant's compensation deferral contributions that exceed 2% of the participant's compensation but that do not exceed 5% of the participant's compensation. In addition, on and after January 1, 2018, the Committee is the Plan administrator of the Plan.

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## Cardinal Health 401(k) Savings Plan

Schedule H, Line 4i on Form 5500: Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)\*

December 31, 2017

EIN: 31-0958666 Plan Number: 055

(a)(b) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment, including maturity date, rate of interest, maturity or par value	(e) Current value
Mutual funds:		
Dodge & Cox Stock Fund	1,812,867 shares	\$369,117,867
Vanguard Institutional Index	1,487,412 shares	362,155,104
Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund	1,231,984 shares	150,363,701
Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund	963,665 shares	120,593,077
PIMCO All Asset Fund Institutional	6,073,229 shares	73,789,728
Vanguard Extended Market Index Fund	504,021 shares	42,715,764
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index	3,451,485 shares	37,103,468
Common collective trusts:		
Fidelity Group Trust For Employee Benefit Plans Growth Company	22,209,809 units	422,652,671
Commingled Pool		
FIAM Group Trust for Employee Benefit Plans Small Capitalization Core	2,779,105 units	332,103,061
Commingled Pool		
Fidelity Group Trust for Employee Benefit Plans Diversified International	18,890,925 units	246,337,666
Commingled Pool		
PIMCO Collective Investment Trust Total Return	16,255,354 units	217,659,191
Blackrock Institutional TR CO NA, Global Allocation Collective Fund	10,498,304 units	127,613,184
Commingled Pension Trust Fund		
(Diversified Commercial Property Fund) of JPMorgan Chase Bank	1,411,407 units	48,086,643
Blackrock Global Invs A US Tips Non Lendable Fund	1,833,844 units	24,600,284
Loomis Sayles High Yield Conservative Trust	1,010,004 units	22,331,198
Wellington Trust Company Collective Investment Fund II Opportunistic Emerging Markets Debt	949,442 units	10,795,158
** Wells Fargo Short Term Investment Fund	3,707,333 units	3,707,333
Common shares:		
** Cardinal Health, Inc.	2,948,238 shares	180,638,542
Loans:		
** Participant loans		73,646,241

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Various maturity dates, with  
interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 10.50%

Total

\$2,866,009,881

\* Other columns required by the U.S. Department of Labor's Annual Reporting and Disclosure Requirements under ERISA have been omitted because they are not applicable.

\*\* Denotes party-in-interest.

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Signature

The Plan. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the members of the Plan Committee have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Cardinal Health 401(k) Savings Plan

Date: June 21, 2018 /s/ KENDELL SHERRER

Kendell Sherrer

Financial Benefit Plans Committee Member