



Senior Housing Properties Trust

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Senior Housing Properties Trust Announces 2016 Dividend Allocation

Newton, MA (January 17, 2017): Senior Housing Properties Trust (Nasdaq: SNH) today announced that the characterization of dividends for 2016 income tax reporting purposes is as follows:

Common Shares

Declaration <u>Dates</u>	Record <u>Dates</u>	Paid/Payable <u>Dates</u>	Dividends <u>Per Share</u>	Dividend Allocation Per Share					Return of <u>Capital</u>
				Ordinary <u>Income</u>	Qualified <u>Dividend</u>	Capital <u>Gain</u>	Unrecaptured Section 1250 <u>Gain</u>		
01/11/16	01/22/16	02/23/16	\$0.39	\$0.2292	\$0.0022	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.1586	
04/13/16	04/25/16	05/19/16	\$0.39	\$0.2292	\$0.0022	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.1586	
07/12/16	07/22/16	08/18/16	\$0.39	\$0.2292	\$0.0022	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.1586	
10/11/16	10/21/16	11/17/16	<u>\$0.39</u>	<u>\$0.2292</u>	<u>\$0.0022</u>	<u>\$0.0000</u>	<u>\$0.0000</u>	<u>\$0.1586</u>	
		TOTALS:	<u>\$1.56</u>	<u>\$0.9168</u>	<u>\$0.0088</u>	<u>\$0.0000</u>	<u>\$0.0000</u>	<u>\$0.6344</u>	
			100.00%	58.77%	0.56%	0.00%	0.00%	40.67%	

SNH's common share CUSIP number is 81721M109. This information represents final income allocations.

Shareholders should look to IRS Form 1099-DIV for their tax reporting. This press release is not intended to replace the Form 1099-DIV.

Senior Housing Properties Trust is a real estate investment trust, or REIT, which owns senior living communities, medical office buildings and wellness centers throughout the United States. SNH is managed

by the operating subsidiary of The RMR Group Inc. (Nasdaq: RMR), an alternative asset management company that is headquartered in Newton, MA.

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