## **8937**

(December 2011)
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

## Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

► See separate instructions.

OMB No. 1545-2224

Part I	Reporting	lssuer				
1 Issuer's name				2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN)		
Senior Housing Properties Trust					04-3445278	
3 Name of contact for additional information 4 Telephone No. of contact					5 Email address of contact	
Timothy A. Bonang (617) 796-8234					tbonang@snhreit.com	
6 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) of contact					7 City, town, or post office, state, and Zip code of contact	
Two Newton Place, 255 Washington Street					Newton, MA 02458	
8 Date of	of action		9 Class	sification and description		
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See Below  10 CUSIP number 11 Serial number(s)				Common Stock   12 Ticker symbol   13 Account number(s)		
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81	81721M109 Various		s	SNH	Various	
Part II Organizational Action Attach additional statements if needed. See back of form for additional questions.						
	•	•			ate against which shareholders' ownership is measured for	
the a	action ► The tax	payer made cash d	istributions t	o its shareholders in exce	ss of its current and accumulated earnings and profits.	
See Part II, Line 15 for the amount of distributions per share.						
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	cribe the quantitat re or as a percenta	-	anizational ac	tion on the basis of the secu	rity in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per	
The distributions reduced the basis of the security in the hands of the U.S. taxpayer(s) as follows:						
Per Share	Reduction of Ba	asis in Common Sto	ock			
Date						
01/17/12 \$0.1419						
04/13/12 \$0.1419						
07/26/12	\$0.1419					
10/22/12	\$0.1457		<del> </del>	<del></del>		
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		-		* *	lation, such as the market values of securities and the	
					C § 312 (as modified by IRC § 857(d) for a real estate nd profits reduce the shareholder's tax basis in its shares	
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