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The information in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is not complete and may be changed. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are not offers to sell these securities, and we are not soliciting offers to buy these securities in any state or jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Preliminary Prospectus Supplement (To Prospectus dated September 8, 2006)

\$250,000,000

# **Health Care Property Investors, Inc.**

% Senior Notes Due 2013				
The notes will mature on December 2007.	, 2013. HCP will pay interest on the notes on June	and December	of each year, beginning June	,

The notes are redeemable, in whole or in part, at any time under a make-whole redemption provision described in this prospectus supplement. In addition, if we experience a change in control and the ratings on the notes are downgraded below investment grade as a result, we may be required to repurchase the notes on the terms described in this prospectus supplement.

The notes will be senior unsecured obligations and will rank equally with HCP s existing and future unsecured senior indebtedness. The notes will be issued only in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000.

**Investing in the notes involves risk. See Risk Factors beginning on page S-8** of this prospectus supplement and page 4 of the accompanying prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the notes or determined that this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Per Note		Total	
Public offering price(1)	70	)	\$	
Underwriting discount	70	)	\$	
Proceeds (before expenses) to HCP(1)		)	\$	

<sup>(1)</sup> Plus accrued interest, if any, from December , 2006, if settlement occurs after that date.

The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange. Currently, there is no public market for the notes.

We expect that delivery of the notes will be made to investors through the book-entry delivery system of The Depository Trust Company on or about December , 2006.

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## **UBS Investment Bank**

Co-Managers

Barclays Capital JPMorgan

November , 2006

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information that is different. We are not making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale of these securities is not permitted. This document may only be used where it is legal to sell these securities. You should assume that the information in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is accurate only as of their respective dates and that any information we have incorporated by reference is accurate only as of the document incorporated by reference.

All references in this prospectus supplement to HCP, we, us or our mean Health Care Property Investors, Inc., its majority-owned subsidiaries and other entities controlled by Health Care Property Investors, Inc. except where it is clear from the context that the term means only the issuer, Health Care Property Investors, Inc. Unless otherwise stated, currency amounts in this prospectus supplement are stated in United States dollars.

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#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document is in two parts. The first is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this offering. The second part, the accompanying prospectus, gives more general information, some of which may not apply to this offering. This prospectus supplement also adds to, updates and changes information contained in the accompanying prospectus. If the description of the offering varies between this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement. The accompanying prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission using a shelf registration statement. Under the shelf registration process, from time to time, we may offer and sell debt securities, warrants or other rights, stock purchase contracts, units, common stock, preferred stock or depositary shares, or any combination thereof, in one or more offerings.

It is important that you read and consider all of the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in making your investment decision. You should also read and consider the information in the documents to which we have referred you in Incorporation by Reference on page S-2 of this prospectus supplement and Where You Can Find More Information on page 2 of the accompanying prospectus.

#### INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

The Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, allows us to incorporate by reference information into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document that HCP has filed separately with the SEC that contains that information. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Information that HCP files with the SEC after the date of this prospectus supplement will automatically modify and supersede the information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus to the extent that the subsequently filed information modifies or supersedes the existing information. We incorporate by reference (other than any portions of any such documents that are not deemed filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and applicable SEC rules):

- our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on February 9, 2006, February 17, 2006, February 21, 2006, May 2, 2006 (pursuant to Items 8.01 and 9.01), May 4, 2006, May 17, 2006, June 30, 2006, August 2, 2006, August 4, 2006 and August 17, 2006, the two Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on September 8, 2006 and the Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on September 19, 2006, September 25, 2006, October 12, 2006 and November 9, 2006;
- our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2006, June 30, 2006 and September 30, 2006;
- our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005; and
- any future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 until we sell all of the securities offered by this prospectus supplement.

You may request a copy of any of these filings at no cost by writing to or telephoning us at the following address and telephone number:

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Long Beach, California 90806
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#### **SUMMARY**

The information below is a summary of the more detailed information included elsewhere in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. You should read carefully the following summary together with the more detailed information contained in this prospectus supplement, including the Risk Factors section beginning on page S-8, the accompanying prospectus, including the Risk Factors section beginning on page 4, and the information incorporated by reference. This summary is not complete and does not contain all of the information you should consider before purchasing the notes.

#### **Our Company**

We invest primarily in real estate serving the healthcare industry in the United States. We are a Maryland corporation and were organized to qualify as a real estate investment trust, or REIT, in 1985. We are headquartered in Long Beach, California, with operations in Nashville, Tennessee and Orlando, Florida. As of September 30, 2006, our portfolio of properties, excluding assets held for sale but including investments through joint ventures and mortgage loans, included 521 properties in 42 states and consisted of 144 senior housing facilities, 178 medical office buildings, 30 hospitals, 144 skilled nursing facilities and 25 other healthcare facilities. We acquire healthcare facilities and lease them to healthcare providers and provide mortgage financing secured by healthcare facilities. Our portfolio includes:

- senior housing, including independent living facilities, assisted living facilities, and continuing care retirement communities:
- medical office buildings;
- hospitals;
- skilled nursing facilities; and
- other healthcare facilities, including laboratory and office buildings.

Our executive offices are located at 3760 Kilroy Airport Way, Suite 300, Long Beach, California 90806, and our telephone number is (562) 733-5100.

## **Healthcare Industry**

In 2004, healthcare was the single largest industry in the United States, representing 16.0% of U.S. Gross Domestic Product and growing at a rate faster than the overall economy, according to data made available by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid.

The delivery of healthcare services requires real estate and as a consequence, healthcare providers depend on real estate to maintain and grow their businesses. HCP believes that the current healthcare real estate market provides an investment opportunity for investors based on:

- Likelihood of consolidation of the fragmented healthcare real estate sector;
- Specialized nature of healthcare real estate investing; and
- Compelling demographics driving the demand for healthcare services.

Senior citizens are the largest consumers of healthcare services. According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, on a per capita basis, the 75 years and older segment of the population spends 75% more on healthcare than the 65 to 74-year-old segment and nearly 300% more than the population average.

#### **Recent Developments**

On October 5, 2006, HCP acquired CNL Retirement Properties, Inc., or CRP. CRP was a REIT that was one of the nation s largest investors in healthcare-related real estate, investing primarily in properties related to senior housing and healthcare facilities located across the United States. As of September 30, 2006, CRP had 273 properties located in 33 states, consisting of 184 senior housing facilities and 89 medical facilities, including two specialty hospitals and two walk-in clinics. HCP believes that the transaction diversified its portfolio by property type, geographic location and operator, and that it diversified its source of revenues across the healthcare industry. HCP also believes that its shift in asset mix improved the quality of HCP s real estate portfolio by increasing, among other things, its exposure to private-pay senior housing.

As of September 30, 2006, HCP s portfolio of healthcare real estate was comprised of approximately 28% medical office buildings, 34% senior housing facilities, 19% hospitals, and 14% skilled nursing facilities, with the remaining 5% comprised of other types of buildings, based on HCP s historical cost of real estate investments and the carrying amount of investments in unconsolidated joint ventures. As of September 30, 2006 on a pro forma basis, assuming that the acquisition of CRP had occurred as of that date, HCP s portfolio of healthcare real estate would have comprised approximately 23% medical office buildings, 59% senior housing facilities, 9% hospitals, and 6% skilled nursing facilities, with the remaining 3% consisting of other types of buildings, based on HCP s historical cost of real estate investments and the carrying amount of investments in unconsolidated joint ventures and as adjusted for the preliminary allocation of the purchase price for CRP.

In the acquisition, HCP paid an aggregate of \$2.9 billion in cash and issued 22.9 million shares of common stock. HCP also acquired CNL Retirement Corp., the external advisor to CRP, or the Advisor, for an aggregate of 4.4 million shares of common stock. HCP financed the cash consideration paid to CRP stockholders and the expenses related to the transaction through an offering of notes and a draw down under new term and bridge loan facilities and a new three-year revolving credit facility. These facilities require refinancing within a period of time ranging from 364 days to three years and the new term and bridge loan facilities are required to be repaid from the cash proceeds of non-ordinary course asset sales, the incurrence of certain debt, the issuance of additional equity and certain other events. Certain of HCP s subsidiaries, including certain of CRP s subsidiaries, guarantee HCP s obligations under these new facilities. The interest rates on borrowings under these facilities vary depending on HCP s credit ratings.

On October 10, 2006, the Company entered into a definitive agreement to sell 78 skilled nursing facilities. The transaction is expected to close during the fourth quarter of 2006 and is subject to certain customary closing conditions.

On October 24, 2006, we entered into a definitive agreement to acquire the interest held by an affiliate of General Electric Company in HCP Medical Office Portfolio, LLC for \$141 million. The closing of the transaction is subject to certain customary conditions. Upon the closing of this acquisition, which we expect to occur on or before November 30, 2006, we will be the sole owner of the venture and its fifty-nine medical office buildings with approximately 4 million rentable square feet.

On October 27, 2006, the Company entered into a joint venture agreement with an institutional partner. Pursuant to the agreement, this partner acquired a majority equity interest in a portfolio consisting of 13 medical office buildings located in five states. HCP will act as the managing member and has received a one-time acquisition fee and will receive ongoing asset management fees.

On November 10, 2006, the Company issued 33,522,500 shares of its common stock. The Company received net proceeds of approximately \$960 million, which were used to repay indebtedness under our 364-day bridge loan facility, our term loan facility and our revolving credit facility.

## The Offering

The summary below describes the principal terms of the notes. Some of the terms and conditions described below are subject to important limitations and exceptions. See Description of the Notes for a more detailed description of the terms and conditions of the notes.

Issuer	Health Care Property Investors, Inc.
Securities Offered	\$250,000,000 aggregate principal amount of % Senior Notes due December , 2013.
Issue Price	% plus accrued interest, if any, from December , 2006.
Interest Payment Dates	Interest on the notes is payable semi-annually on June and December of each year, commencing June , 2007.
Optional Redemption	At any time, we may redeem all or part of the notes under a make-whole redemption provision. See Description of the Notes Optional Redemption.
Offer to Repurchase	If we experience a Change of Control and the notes are rated below Investment Grade by Standard & Poor s Ratings Services and Moody s Investors Service, Inc. as a result, we will offer to repurchase all of the notes at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest to the repurchase date. See Description of the Notes Offer to Repurchase Upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event for further information about the offer to repurchase and for definitions of Change of Control and Investment Grade.
Covenants	The indenture governing the notes contains certain covenants.  Under specified circumstances, the indenture governing the notes restricts our ability to incur additional indebtedness. See  Description of the Debt Securities We May Offer Covenants in the accompanying prospectus.
Ranking	The notes will be senior unsecured obligations of HCP, ranking equally in right of payment with other senior unsecured indebtedness of HCP from time to time outstanding.
Form and Denomination	We will issue the notes in fully registered form in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. The notes will be represented by permanent global securities registered in the name of a nominee of The Depository Trust Company, or DTC. You will hold beneficial interests in the notes through DTC, and DTC and its direct and indirect participants will record your beneficial interest on their books. Except under limited circumstances, we will not issue certificated notes.
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Use of Proceeds	The net proceeds, after estimated expenses, to HCP from the sale of
	the notes offered hereby will be approximately \$248.2 million,
	which we will use to repay indebtedness under our term loan
	facility. See Use of Proceeds.

Trustee, Registrar and Paying Agent

The Bank of New York

You should carefully consider the information set forth under Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005, in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2006, in this prospectus supplement beginning at page S-8 and in the accompanying prospectus beginning on page 4 before deciding to invest in the notes.

For additional information regarding the notes, see Description of the Notes.

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## SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

The following table sets forth our summary consolidated financial data. You should read this information together with our financial statements, including the related notes, included in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2006 from which such information has been derived. Our unaudited summary consolidated financial data as of September 30, 2006 and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005 and 2006 has been prepared on the same basis as our annual consolidated financial statements and includes all adjustments, consisting of only normal recurring adjustments necessary for the fair presentation of this data in all material respects. The results for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations to be expected for a full fiscal year. The following data is presented on a historical basis and does not include the financial data of CRP and the Advisor, which we acquired on October 5, 2006.

	Three Months Ended September 30, September 30,	
	2006 2005 2006 2005	
	(in thousands, except per share data)	
Statement of Income Data:		
Revenues and other income:		
Rental revenues and other income	\$ 130,952 \$ 111,948 \$ 376,499 \$ 316,	796
Equity income (loss) from unconsolidated joint ventures	1,044 (531 ) 7,580 (232	)
Interest and other income	7,601 7,807 29,709 18,998	
	139,597 119,224 413,788 335,562	
Costs and expenses:	227,000	
Interest	36,968 28,262 102,701 76,872	
Depreciation and amortization	32,237 26,690 93,683 75,697	
Operating	20,105 13,373 56,786 42,062	
General and administrative	8,280 7,301 25,218 22,413	
Impairments	3,087	
Income before minority interests		
Minority interests	42,007 43,598 132,313 117,518	
Income from continuing operations	(3,511 ) (3,415 ) (11,458 ) (9,593	)
Discontinued operations:	38,496 40,183 120,855 107,925	
Operating income		
Gain on sales of real estate, net	2,594 4,585 10,441 14,444	
Gain on sales of fear estate, net	35,728 273 44,977 9,177	
N1.4 in	38,322 4,858 55,418 23,621	
Net income	76,818 45,041 176,273 131,546	
Preferred stock dividends	(5,282 ) (5,282 ) (15,848 ) (15,848	)
Net income applicable to common shares	\$ 71,536 \$ 39,759 \$ 160,425 \$ 115,	598
Basic earnings per common share:		
Continuing operations	\$ 0.24 \$ 0.26 \$ 0.77 \$ 0.69	
Discontinued operations Net income applicable to common shares	0.28 0.03 0.41 0.17 \$ 0.52 \$ 0.29 \$ 1.18 \$ 0.86	
Diluted earnings per common share:	\$ 0.32 \$ 0.29 \$ 1.16 \$ 0.60	
Continuing operations	\$ 0.24 \$ 0.26 \$ 0.77 \$ 0.68	
Discontinued operations	0.28 0.03 0.40 0.18	
Net income applicable to common shares Weighted average shares used to calculate earnings per common share:	\$ 0.52 \$ 0.29 \$ 1.17 \$ 0.86	
Basic	136,682 135,225 136,402 134,385	
Diluted	143,538 136,135 139,195 135,291	
	As of As of September 30, 2006 December 31, 2005 (in thousands)	5
Consolidated Balance Sheet Data: Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 645,363 \$ 21,342	
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Total assets	4,611,501	3,597,265
Total debt	2,923,428	1,956,946
Total stockholders equity	1,414,719	1,399,766

#### RISK FACTORS

Before purchasing the notes, you should consider carefully the information under the heading Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2006, in the accompanying prospectus and the following factors, each of which could materially adversely affect our operating results and financial condition. You should also carefully consider the other information included in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and other information incorporated by reference herein. Each of the risks described in our Form 10-K, Form 10-Q and the accompanying prospectus and below could result in a decrease in the value of the notes and your investment therein. Although we have tried to discuss what we believe are key risk factors, please be aware that other risks may prove to be important in the future. New risks may emerge at any time, and we cannot predict those risks or estimate the extent to which they may affect our financial performance or the value of the notes. The information contained, and incorporated by reference, in this prospectus supplement and in the accompanying prospectus includes forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties, and we refer you to the Cautionary Language Regarding Forward-Looking Statements section in the accompanying prospectus.

## Our indebtedness could adversely affect our financial results and prevent us from fulfilling our obligations under the notes.

In addition to our currently outstanding indebtedness, we may be able to borrow substantial additional unsecured indebtedness in the future. If new indebtedness is added to our current debt levels, the related risks that we now face could increase.

Our indebtedness, including the indebtedness we may incur in the future, could have important consequences for the holders of the notes, including:

- limiting our ability to satisfy our obligations with respect to the notes;
- increasing our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;
- limiting our ability to obtain additional financing to fund future working capital, capital expenditures and other general corporate requirements;
- requiring a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations for the payment of principal of, and interest on, our indebtedness and reducing our ability to use our cash flow to fund working capital, capital expenditures and general corporate requirements;
- limiting our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industry; and
- putting us at a disadvantage compared to competitors with less indebtedness.

## Our business operations may not generate the cash needed to service our indebtedness.

Our ability to make payments on our indebtedness, including these notes, and to fund planned capital expenditures will depend on our ability to generate cash in the future. We cannot assure you that our business will generate sufficient cash flow from operations or that future borrowings will be available to us in an amount sufficient to enable us to pay our indebtedness, including these notes, or to fund our other liquidity needs.

Although these notes are referred to as senior notes, they will be effectively subordinated to our secured indebtedness and all liabilities of our subsidiaries.

The notes are unsecured and therefore will be effectively subordinated to any secured indebtedness we may incur to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness. In the event of a bankruptcy or similar proceeding involving us, our assets which serve as collateral will be available to satisfy the obligations under any secured indebtedness before any payments are made on the notes.

In addition, most of our assets are held through direct or indirect subsidiaries and accordingly, the notes will be effectively subordinated to all liabilities of our subsidiaries including the guarantees of our new credit facilities issued by certain of our subsidiaries. Our subsidiaries and general and limited partnerships will not guarantee the notes. In the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization of any of our subsidiaries or partnerships, creditors of our subsidiaries and partnerships will generally be entitled to payment of their claims from the assets of those subsidiaries and partnerships before any assets are made available for distribution to us, except to the extent we may also have a claim as a creditor.

#### An active trading market may not develop for the notes.

Prior to the offering, there was no existing trading market for the notes. Although the underwriters have informed us that they currently intend to make a market in the notes after we complete the offering, they have no obligation to do so and may discontinue making a market at any time without notice.

We do not intend to apply for listing of the notes on any securities exchange.

The liquidity of any market for the notes will depend on a number of factors, including:

- the number of holders of the notes;
- our performance;
- the market for similar securities;
- the interest of securities dealers in making a market in the notes; and
- prevailing interest rates.

We cannot assure you that an active market for the notes will develop or, if developed, that it will continue.

Downgrades or other changes in our credit ratings could affect our financial results and reduce the market value of the notes.

The credit ratings assigned to our unsecured indebtedness, including the notes upon issuance, may affect our ability to obtain new financing and the costs of our financing. It is possible that rating agencies may downgrade our credit ratings or change their outlook about us, which could increase our cost of capital and make our efforts to raise capital more difficult and, in turn, adversely affect our financial results. Such a downgrade in rating may also reduce the price that a subsequent purchaser may be willing to pay for the notes.

#### USE OF PROCEEDS

We anticipate that the net proceeds from this offering, after deducting underwriting discounts and estimated expenses payable by us, will be approximately \$248.2 million. We intend to use the proceeds from this offering to repay indebtedness under our term loan facility. As of November 27, 2006, the interest rate was 6.09% on the debt under the term facility, which matures on October 3, 2008.

Affiliates of certain of the underwriters are lenders under our term facility, and therefore will receive a portion of the net proceeds from the offering through the repayment of debt under that facility.

#### **CAPITALIZATION**

The following table sets forth the capitalization of HCP as of September 30, 2006 on:

- an actual basis;
- on a pro forma basis to give effect to the acquisitions of CRP and the Advisor and the issuance of common stock and the incurrence of debt in connection therewith as described under Summary Recent Developments and our issuance of 33,522,500 shares of common stock on November 10, 2006, the proceeds from which were used to repay indebtedness under our 364-day bridge loan facility, our term loan facility and our revolving credit facility, as if those acquisitions, issuances of common stock, incurrences of debt and repayments of indebtedness had occurred on that date; and
- on a pro forma as adjusted basis to give effect to those acquisitions, issuances and incurrences and this offering of notes and the application of the net proceeds from this offering to repay borrowings as if they had occurred on that date.

This table should be read together with our consolidated financial statements and related notes contained in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2006.

	As of September 30, 2006		Pro Forma
	Actual (In thousands, except per	Pro Forma r share data)	As Adjusted
Debt obligations:			
% Senior Notes due 2013	\$	\$	\$ 250,000
Senior unsecured notes(2)	2,471,274	2,351,274	2,351,274
Bank lines of credit(1)		211,055	211,055
Bridge and term financing(1)		1,573,054	1,324,854
Mortgage debt(3)	452,154	1,583,602	\$1,583,602
Other debt		145,953	145,953
Total debt obligations	2,923,428	5,864,938	5,866,738
Minority interests	152,611	161,042	161,042
Stockholders equity:			
Preferred stock, \$1.00 par value per share: 50,000,000 shares			
authorized; 11,820,000 shares issued and outstanding	285,173	285,173	285,173
Common stock, \$1.00 par value per share: 750,000,000 shares			
authorized; 137,560,108 shares issued and outstanding actual;			
198,315,129 shares pro forma and pro forma as adjusted	137,560	198,315	198,315
Additional paid-in capital	1,478,990	3,099,334	3,099,334
Cumulative net income	1,697,419	1,697,419	1,697,419
Cumulative dividends	(2,179,535)	(2,179,535)	(2,179,535)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(4,888)	(4,888 )	(4,888)
Total stockholders equity	1,414,719	3,095,818	3,095,818
Total capitalization	\$ 4,490,758	\$ 9,121,798	\$ 9,123,598

<sup>(1)</sup> Interest on our three-year line of credit, 364-day bridge facility and two-year term facility is variable based on LIBOR.

Interest rates on the senior unsecured notes ranged from 4.88% to 7.62% with a weighted average effective rate of 6.06% at September 30, 2006.

Interest rates on mortgage debt ranged from 3.75% to 9.32% with a weighted average effective rate of 6.44% at September 30, 2006.

#### RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following table sets forth our ratios of earnings to fixed charges for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. In computing the ratios of earnings to fixed charges, earnings have been based on consolidated income from continuing operations before fixed charges (exclusive of capitalized interest). Fixed charges consist of interest on debt, including amounts capitalized, an estimate of interest in rental expense, and interest expense related to the guaranteed debt of the partnerships and limited liability companies in which we hold an interest. In computing the ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends, preferred stock dividends consist of dividends on our 7.25% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock. The ratios below do not reflect the impact of our acquisition of CRP and the Advisor, which was consummated on October 5, 2006. This acquisition has caused our ratios of earnings to fixed charges to decrease materially. See Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges in the accompanying prospectus, which shows our ratios of earnings to fixed charges on a pro forma basis for the six months ended June 30, 2006.

	For the Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2006	
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges	2.21	
Ratio of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends	1.92	

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES

Please read the following information concerning the notes in conjunction with the statements under Description of the Debt Securities We May Offer in the accompanying prospectus, which the following information supplements and, if there are any inconsistencies, supersedes. The following description is not complete. The notes will be issued under the Indenture, dated as of September 1, 1993, related to our senior unsecured debt, that we have entered into with The Bank of New York, as trustee. The Indenture is described in the accompanying prospectus and is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement under which the notes are being offered and sold. As used in this section, references to HCP, we, us, or our do not include any current or future subsidiary of, or other entity controlled by, HCP.

#### General

HCP will offer \$250,000,000 of senior notes due 2013 under the Indenture.

The notes will constitute part of the senior unsecured debt of HCP and are equal in right of payment to any other existing or future senior unsecured obligations of HCP. The indenture does not limit the aggregate principal amount of debt securities that HCP may issue under the indenture. The notes will not be subject to any mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments.

## **Interest Payments and Maturity**

The entire principal amount of the notes will mature and become due and payable, together with any accrued and unpaid interest, on December , 2013.

The notes will be ar interest at the annual rate set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement beginning December , 2006. The interest will be paid semi-annually on June and December of each year, beginning on June , 2007, to the person in whose name the note is registered at the close of business on the date that is 15 calendar days prior to such date, whether or not such date is a business day. We will compute the amount of interest payable on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

If any interest payment date or any maturity date falls on a day that is not a business day, the required payment of principal and/or interest will be made on the next succeeding business day as if made on the date such payment was due, and no interest will accrue on such payment for the period from and after such interest payment date or maturity date, as the case may be, to the date of such payment on the next succeeding business day.

## **Optional Redemption**

We may redeem all or part of the notes at any time at our option at a redemption price equal to the greater of: (1) 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed, or (2) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest thereon (exclusive of interest accrued to the date of redemption) discounted to the date of redemption on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the applicable treasury rate plus basis points, plus accrued and unpaid interest on the amount being redeemed to the date of redemption.

Treasury rate means, with respect to any redemption date:

• the yield, under the heading which represents the average for the immediately preceding week, appearing in the most recently published statistical release designated H.15(519) or any successor publication which is published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded U.S. Treasury securities adjusted to constant maturity under the caption Treasury Constant Maturities, for the

maturity corresponding to the comparable treasury issue (if no maturity is within three months before or after the remaining life (as defined below), yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to the comparable treasury issue will be determined and the treasury rate will be interpolated or extrapolated from such yields on a straight line basis, rounding to the nearest month); or

• if such release (or any successor release) is not published during the week preceding the calculation date or does not contain such yields, the rate per annum equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity of the comparable treasury issue, calculated using a price for the comparable treasury issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the comparable treasury price for such redemption date.

The treasury rate will be calculated by the Independent Investment Banker on the third business day preceding the date fixed for redemption.

Comparable treasury issue means the U.S. Treasury security selected by an Independent Investment Banker as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term (remaining life) of the notes to be redeemed that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of such notes.

Comparable treasury price means (1) the average of five Reference Treasury Dealer quotations for such redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (2) if the Independent Investment Banker obtains fewer than four such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such quotations.

Independent Investment Banker means one of the Reference Treasury Dealers appointed by us to act as the Independent Investment Banker.

Reference Treasury Dealers means each of UBS Securities LLC, Barclays Capital Inc., and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. and their respective successors and two other nationally recognized investment banking firms that are Primary Treasury Dealers specified from time to time by us; provided, however, that if any of the foregoing shall cease to be a primary US Government securities dealer in the United States (a Primary Treasury Dealer ), we shall substitute therefor another nationally recognized investment banking firm that is a Primary Treasury Dealer.

Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Independent Investment Banker, of the bid and asked prices for the comparable treasury issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Independent Investment Banker at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

We may redeem the notes in increments of \$1,000. If we are redeeming less than all of the notes, the trustee will select the notes to be redeemed using a method it considers fair and appropriate. We will cause notices of redemption to be mailed by first-class mail at least 30 but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each holder of notes to be redeemed at its registered address.

If any of the notes are to be redeemed in part only, the notice of redemption that relates to the relevant note will state the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed. We will issue a note in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the original note in the name of the holder thereof upon cancellation of the original note. Any notes called for redemption will become due on the date fixed for redemption. On or after the redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on the notes or portions of them called for redemption.

#### Offer to Repurchase Upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event

If a Change of Control Repurchase Event (defined below) occurs, unless we have previously exercised our right to otherwise redeem the notes as described above, we will make an offer to each holder of notes to repurchase all or any part (in multiples of \$1,000 principal amount) of that holder s notes at a repurchase price in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of notes repurchased plus any accrued and unpaid interest on the notes repurchased to the date of repurchase. Within 30 days following any Change of Control Repurchase Event or, at our option, prior to any Change of Control (defined below), but after the public announcement of the Change of Control, we will mail a notice to each holder describing the transaction or transactions that constitute or may constitute the Change of Control Repurchase Event and offering to repurchase notes on the payment date specified in the notice, which date will be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed. The notice shall, if mailed prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control, state that the offer to repurchase is conditioned on the Change of Control Repurchase Event occurring on or prior to the payment date specified in the notice.

We will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or the Exchange Act, and any other securities laws and regulations to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the notes as a result of a Change of Control Repurchase Event. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the Change of Control Repurchase Event provisions of the notes, we will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached our obligations under the Change of Control Repurchase Event provisions of the notes by virtue of such conflict.

On the Change of Control Repurchase Event payment date, we will, to the extent lawful:

- (1) accept for payment all notes or portions of notes properly tendered pursuant to our offer;
- (2) deposit with the paying agent an amount equal to the aggregate purchase price in respect of all notes or portions of notes properly tendered; and
- (3) deliver or cause to be delivered to the trustee the notes properly accepted, together with an officers certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of notes being purchased by us.

The paying agent will promptly pay, from funds deposited by us for such purpose, to each holder of notes properly tendered the purchase price for the notes, and the trustee will promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book-entry) to each holder a new note equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of any notes surrendered.

We will not be required to make an offer to repurchase the notes upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event if a third party makes an offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements for an offer made by us and such third party purchases all notes properly tendered and not withdrawn under its offer.

The definition of Change of Control includes a phrase relating to the direct or indirect sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of our properties or assets and those of our subsidiaries taken as a whole. Although there is a limited body of case law interpreting the phrase substantially all , there is no precise established definition of the phrase under applicable law. Accordingly, the ability of a holder of notes to require us to repurchase the notes as a result of a sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of less than all of our assets and the assets of our subsidiaries taken as a whole to another person or group may be uncertain.

For purposes of the notes:

Change of Control Repurchase Event means the occurrence of both a Change of Control and a Below Investment Grade Rating Event.

Change of Control means the occurrence of any of the following:

- the direct or indirect sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of our properties or assets and those of our subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to any person (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), other than us or one of our wholly owned subsidiaries; or
- (2) the adoption of a plan relating to our liquidation or dissolution; or
- the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any person (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), other than us or one of our wholly owned subsidiaries (provided that this exception does not include any transaction in which public stockholders cease to own Voting Stock entitling public stockholders to elect the same percentage of the members of our board of directors as public stockholders are entitled to elect on the date hereof), becomes the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of our Voting Stock, measured by voting power rather than number of shares; or
- (4) the first day on which a majority of the members of our board of directors are not Continuing Directors.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a transaction effected to create a holding company for us will not be deemed to involve a Change of Control if (1) pursuant to such transaction we become a wholly owned subsidiary of such holding company and (2) the holders of the Voting Stock of such holding company immediately following such transaction are the same as the holders of our Voting Stock immediately prior to such transaction.

Continuing Directors means, as of any date of determination, any member of our board of directors who:

- (1) was a member of such board of directors on the first date that any of the notes were issued; or
- (2) was nominated for election or elected to our board of directors with the approval of a majority of the Continuing Directors who were members of our board of directors at the time of such nomination or election.

Voting Stock , as applied to stock of any person, means shares, interests, participations or other equivalents in the equity interest (however designated) in such person having ordinary voting power for the election of the directors (or the equivalent) of such person, other than shares, interests, participations or other equivalents having such power only by reason of the occurrence of a contingency.

Below Investment Grade Rating Event means the notes are rated below Investment Grade by both Rating Agencies on any date from the date of the public notice of an arrangement that could result in a Change of Control until the end of the 60-day period following public notice of the occurrence of a Change of Control (which period shall be extended so long as the rating of the notes is under publicly announced consideration for possible downgrade by either of the Rating Agencies); provided that a Below Investment Grade Rating Event otherwise arising by virtue of a particular reduction in rating shall not be deemed to have occurred in respect of a particular Change of Control (and thus shall not be deemed a Below Investment Grade Rating Event for purposes of the definition of Change of Control Repurchase Event) if the Rating Agencies making the reduction in rating to which this definition would otherwise apply do not

announce or publicly confirm or inform the trustee in writing at its request that the reduction was the result, in whole or in part, of any event or circumstance comprised of or arising as a result of, or in respect of, the applicable Change of Control (whether or not the applicable Change of Control shall have occurred at the time of the Below Investment Grade Rating Event).

Investment Grade means a rating of Baa3 or better by Moody s (or its equivalent under any successor rating categories of Moody s) and BBB-or better by S&P (or its equivalent under any successor rating categories of S&P) (or, in each case, if such Rating Agency ceases to rate the notes for reasons outside of our control, the equivalent investment grade credit rating from any Rating Agency selected by us as a replacement Rating Agency).

Rating Agency means:

- (1) each of Moody s and S&P; and
- (2) if either of Moody s or S&P ceases to rate the notes or fails to make a rating of the notes publicly available for reasons outside of our control, a nationally recognized statistical rating organization within the meaning of Rule 15c3-1(c)(2)(vi)(F) under the Exchange Act selected by us as a replacement agency for Moody s or S&P, or both, as the case may be.

Moody s means Moody s Investors Service, Inc.

S&P means Standard & Poor s Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.

#### Forms and Denominations

The notes will be issued as permanent global securities in the name of a nominee of the Depository Trust Company and will be available only in book-entry form. See Legal Ownership and Book-Entry Issuance Book-Entry Owners in the accompanying prospectus. The notes are available for purchase in multiples of \$1,000.

## **Further Issuances**

We may, without the consent of the holders of the notes, create and issue additional notes ranking equally with the notes offered by this prospectus supplement in all respects, including having the same CUSIP number, so that such additional notes would be consolidated and form a single series with the notes offered hereby and would have the same terms as to status, redemption or otherwise as the notes offered hereby. No additional notes may be issued if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing with respect to the notes.

#### UNDERWRITING

Under the terms and subject to the conditions contained in an underwriting agreement dated , 2006, we have agreed to sell to the underwriters named below, for whom UBS Securities LLC is acting as representative, the following respective principal amounts of the notes:

Underwriters	Principal Amount
UBS Securities LLC	
Barclays Capital Inc.	
J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.	
Total	\$ 250,000,000

The underwriting agreement provides that the underwriters are obligated to purchase all of the notes if any are purchased. The underwriting agreement also provides that if an underwriter defaults, the purchase commitments of non-defaulting underwriters may be increased or the offering of notes may be terminated.

The underwriters propose to offer the notes initially at the public offering price on the cover page of this prospectus supplement and to selling group members at that price less a concession not to exceed and those dealers may reallow, a concession not to exceed % of the aggregate principal amount of the notes. The underwriters may allow, of the aggregate principal amount of the notes. After the initial public offering the underwriters may change the public offering price and concession and discount to broker/dealers.

The following table shows the underwriting discounts and commissions that we are to pay to the underwriters in connection with this offering.

	Paid by HCP
Per Note	%
Total	\$

We estimate that our total expenses for this offering, excluding underwriting discounts and commissions, will be approximately \$235,000.

The notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. One or more of the underwriters intends to make a secondary market for the notes. However, they are not obligated to do so and may discontinue making a secondary market for the notes at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to how liquid the trading market for the notes will be.

The underwriters and/or their affiliates have provided and in the future may provide investment banking, commercial banking and/or advisory services to us from time to time for which they have received and in the future may receive customary fees and expenses and may have entered into and in the future may enter into other transactions with us. In particular, affiliates of certain of the underwriters are lenders under our credit facilities, including our term loan facility, and therefore will receive a portion of the net proceeds from this offering through the repayment of borrowings under the term loan facility.

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or contribute to payments which the underwriters may be required to make in that respect.

In connection with the offering the underwriters may engage in stabilizing transactions, over-allotment transactions, syndicate covering transactions and penalty bids in accordance with Regulation M under the Exchange Act.

• Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the underlying security so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum.

- Over-allotment involves sales by the underwriters of notes in excess of the principal amount of the notes the underwriters are obligated to purchase, which creates a syndicate short position.
- Syndicate covering transactions involve purchases of the notes in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover syndicate short positions.
- Penalty bids permit the representative to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member when the notes originally sold by the syndicate member are purchased in a stabilizing transaction or a syndicate covering transaction to cover syndicate short positions.

These stabilizing transactions, syndicate covering transactions and penalty bids may have the effect of raising or maintaining the market price of the notes or preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the notes. As a result, the price of the notes may be higher than the price that might otherwise exist in the open market. These transactions, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

#### VALIDITY OF THE NOTES

Certain legal matters with respect to the securities offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Latham & Watkins LLP, Costa Mesa, California. Certain legal matters relating to Maryland law will be passed upon for us by Ballard, Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, Baltimore, Maryland. Sidley Austin LLP, San Francisco, California, will act as counsel for the underwriters. Paul C. Pringle, a partner of Sidley Austin LLP, owns 46,582 shares of our common stock.

#### **PROSPECTUS**

# **Health Care Property Investors, Inc.**

Common Stock
Preferred Stock
Depositary Shares
Debt Securities
Warrants or Other Rights
Stock Purchase Contracts
Units

Health Care Property Investors, Inc. from time to time may offer to sell the securities listed above. The preferred stock, debt securities, warrants, rights and stock purchase contracts may be convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for common or preferred stock or other securities of Health Care Property Investors, Inc. or debt or equity securities of one or more other entities. Our common stock is quoted on the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE) under the symbol HCP.

Health Care Property Investors, Inc. may offer and sell these securities directly or to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and/or agents, or directly to purchasers on a continuous or delayed basis.

This prospectus describes some of the general terms that may apply to these securities and the general manner in which they may be offered. The specific terms of any securities to be offered, and the specific manner in which they may be offered, will be described in a supplement to this prospectus.

You should consider the risks discussed in Risk Factors beginning on page 4 of this prospectus before you invest in our securities.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is September 8, 2006

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All references in this prospectus to HCP, we, us or our mean Health Care Property Investors, Inc., its majority-owned subsidiaries and other entities controlled by Health Care Property Investors, Inc. except where it is clear from the context that the term means only the issuer, Health Care Property Investors, Inc. Unless otherwise stated, currency amounts in this prospectus are stated in United States dollars.

When acquiring any securities discussed in this prospectus, you should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different or additional information, you should not rely on it. An offer to sell these securities will not be made in any jurisdiction where the offer and sale is not permitted. You should not assume that the information appearing in this prospectus, as well as information we previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and incorporated by reference, is accurate as of any date other than the date mentioned on the front cover of those documents. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of an automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, as a well-known seasoned issuer as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. As allowed by the SEC rules, this prospectus does not contain all of the information included in the registration statement. For further information, we refer you to the registration statement, including its exhibits. Statements contained in this prospectus about the provisions or contents of any agreement or other document are not necessarily complete. If the SEC s rules and regulations require that an agreement or document be filed as an exhibit to the registration statement, please see that agreement or document for a complete description of these matters.

You should read this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with any additional information you may need to make your investment decision. You should also read and carefully consider the information in the documents we have referred you to in Where You Can Find More Information below. Information incorporated by reference after the date of this prospectus is considered a part of this prospectus and may add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. Any information in such subsequent filings that is inconsistent with this prospectus will supersede the information in this prospectus or any earlier prospectus supplement.

#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any materials we file with the SEC at its public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may also obtain copies of this information by mail from the public reference room of the SEC, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549, at prescribed rates. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the public reference facilities. Our SEC filings are also available to the public from commercial document retrieval services and at the web site maintained by the SEC at http://www.sec.gov. You may inspect information that we file with The New York Stock Exchange, as well as our SEC filings, at the offices of The New York Stock Exchange at 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference certain information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring to the other information we have filed with the SEC. We incorporate by reference the following documents we filed with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (other than any portions of any such documents that are not deemed filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and applicable SEC rules):

- our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on February 9, 2006, February 17, 2006, February 21, 2006, May 2, 2006 (pursuant to Items 8.01 and 9.01), May 4, 2006, May 17, 2006, June 30, 2006, August 2, 2006, August 4, 2006 and August 17, 2006 and the two Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on September 8, 2006;
- our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31 and June 30, 2006;
- our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005; and
- the description of our common stock contained in our registration statement on Form 10 dated May 7, 1985 (File No. 1-8895), including the amendments dated May 20, 1985 and May 23, 1985, and any other amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description, including the description of amendments to our charter contained in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended June 30, 2001 and June 30, 2004.

We are also incorporating by reference additional documents that we may file with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 after the date of this prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering of the securities described in this prospectus (other than any portions of any such documents that are not deemed filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and applicable SEC rules). These documents include periodic reports, such as Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K, as well as Proxy Statements. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus.

Documents incorporated by reference are available from us without charge, excluding all exhibits unless we have specifically incorporated by reference the exhibit in this prospectus. You may obtain documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus by requesting them in writing or by telephone from:

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Health Care Property Investors, Inc.
3760 Kilroy Airport Way, Suite 300
Long Beach, California 90806
(562) 733-5100
legaldept@hcpi.com

#### RISK FACTORS

You should carefully consider the risks described below as well as the risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, which risks are incorporated by reference into this section, before making an investment decision regarding our company. The risks and uncertainties described herein are not the only ones facing us and there may be additional risks that we do not presently know of or that we currently consider not likely to have a significant impact. All of these risks could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

#### **Risks Related to Our Operators**

If our facility operators are unable to operate our properties in a manner sufficient to generate income, they may be unable to make rent and loan payments to us.

The healthcare industry is highly competitive and we expect that it may become more competitive in the future. Our operators are subject to competition from other healthcare providers that provide similar services. Such competition, which has intensified due to overbuilding in some segments in which we operate, has caused the fill-up rate of newly constructed buildings to slow and the monthly rate that many newly built and previously existing facilities were able to obtain for their services to decrease. The profitability of healthcare facilities depends upon several factors, including the number of physicians using the healthcare facilities or referring patients there, competitive systems of healthcare delivery and the size and composition of the population in the surrounding area. Private, federal and state payment programs and the effect of other laws and regulations may also have a significant influence on the revenues and income of the properties. If our operators are not competitive with other healthcare providers and are unable to generate income, they may be unable to make rent and loan payments to us, which could adversely affect our cash flow and financial performance and condition.

The bankruptcy, insolvency or financial deterioration of our facility operators could significantly delay our ability to collect unpaid rents or require us to find new operators.

Our financial position and our ability to make distributions to our stockholders or payment on our debt securities may be adversely affected by financial difficulties experienced by any of our major operators, including bankruptcy, insolvency or a general downturn in the business, or in the event any of our major operators do not renew or extend their relationship with us as their lease terms expire.

We are exposed to the risk that our operators may not be able to meet their obligations, which may result in their bankruptcy or insolvency. Although our leases and loans provide us the right to terminate an investment, evict an operator, demand immediate repayment and other remedies, the bankruptcy laws afford certain rights to a party that has filed for bankruptcy or reorganization. An operator in bankruptcy may be able to restrict our ability to collect unpaid rents or interest during the bankruptcy proceeding.

Tenet Healthcare Corporation accounts for a significant percentage of our revenues and is currently experiencing significant legal, financial and regulatory difficulties.

During the six months ended June 30, 2006, Tenet Healthcare Corporation, or Tenet, accounted for approximately 9% of our revenues. According to public disclosures, Tenet is experiencing significant legal, financial and regulatory difficulties. We cannot predict with certainty the impact, if any, of the outcome of these uncertainties on our consolidated financial statements. The failure or inability of Tenet to pay its obligations could materially reduce our revenue, net income and cash flows, which could adversely affect the market prices of our securities and could cause us to incur impairment charges or a loss on the sale of the properties.

Our operators are faced with increased litigation and rising insurance costs that may affect their ability to make their lease or mortgage payments.

In some states, advocacy groups have been created to monitor the quality of care at healthcare facilities, and these groups have brought litigation against operators. Also, in several instances, private litigation by patients has succeeded in winning very large damage awards for alleged abuses. The effect of this litigation and potential litigation has been to materially increase the costs of monitoring and reporting quality of care compliance incurred by our operators. In addition, the cost of liability and medical malpractice insurance has increased and may continue to increase so long as the present litigation environment affecting the operations of healthcare facilities continues. Continued cost increases could cause our operators to be unable to make their lease or mortgage payments, potentially decreasing our revenue and increasing our collection and litigation costs. Moreover, to the extent we are required to take back the affected facilities, our revenue from those facilities could be reduced or eliminated for an extended period of time.

Decline in the skilled nursing sector and changes to Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement rates may have significant adverse consequences for us.

Certain of our skilled nursing operators and facilities continue to experience operating problems in part due to a national nursing shortage, increased liability insurance costs, and low levels of Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement. Due to economic challenges facing many states, nursing homes will likely continue to be under-funded. These challenges have had, and may continue to have, an adverse effect on our long-term care facilities and facility operators.

#### Risks Related to Real Estate Investment and Our Structure

We rely on external sources of capital to fund future capital needs, and if our access to such capital is difficult or on commercially unreasonable terms, we may not be able to meet maturing commitments or make future investments necessary to grow our business.

In order to qualify as a real estate investment trust, or REIT, under the Internal Revenue Code, as amended (which we refer to as the Internal Revenue Code), we are required, among other things, to distribute to our stockholders each year at least 90% of our REIT taxable income (excluding capital gains), and will be subject to regular corporate income tax to the extent we distribute to our stockholders, each year, less than 100% of our REIT taxable income and our net capital gain. Because of this distribution requirement, we may not be able to fund all future capital needs, including capital needs in connection with acquisitions, from cash retained from operations. As a result, we rely on external sources of capital. If we are unable to obtain needed capital at all or only on unfavorable terms from these sources, we might not be able to make the investments needed to grow our business, or to meet our obligations and commitments as they mature, which could negatively affect the ratings of our debt and even, in extreme circumstances, affect our ability to continue operations. Our access to capital depends upon a number of factors over which we have little or no control, including:

- general market conditions;
- the market s perception of our growth potential;
- our current and potential future earnings and cash distributions; and
- the market price of the shares of our capital stock.

If we are unable to identify and purchase suitable healthcare facilities at a favorable cost, we will be unable to continue to grow through acquisitions.

Our ability to grow through acquisitions is integral to our business strategy and requires us to identify suitable acquisition candidates that meet our criteria and are compatible with our growth strategy. The acquisition and financing of healthcare facilities at favorable costs is highly competitive. We may not be successful in identifying suitable property or other assets that meet our acquisition criteria or in consummating acquisitions on satisfactory terms or at all. If we cannot identify and purchase a sufficient quantity of healthcare facilities at favorable prices, or if we are unable to finance such acquisitions on commercially favorable terms, our business will suffer.

#### Unforeseen costs associated with the acquisition of new properties could reduce our profitability.

Our business strategy contemplates future acquisitions. The acquisitions we make may not prove to be successful. We might encounter unanticipated difficulties and expenditures relating to any acquired properties, including contingent liabilities. Further, newly acquired properties might require significant management attention that would otherwise be devoted to our ongoing business. We might never realize the anticipated benefits of an acquisition, which could adversely affect our profitability.

#### Since real estate investments are illiquid, we may not be able to sell properties when we desire.

Real estate investments generally cannot be sold quickly. We may not be able to vary our portfolio promptly in response to changes in the real estate market. This inability to respond to changes in the performance of our investments could adversely affect our ability to service our debt. The real estate market is affected by many factors that are beyond our control, including:

- adverse changes in national and local economic and market conditions;
- changes in interest rates and in the availability, costs and terms of financing;
- changes in governmental laws and regulations, fiscal policies and zoning and other ordinances and costs of compliance with laws and regulations;
- the ongoing need for capital improvements, particularly in older structures;
- changes in operating expenses; and
- civil unrest, acts of war and natural disasters, including earthquakes and floods, which may result in uninsured and underinsured losses.

We cannot predict whether we will be able to sell any property for the price or on the terms set by us, or whether any price or other terms offered by a prospective purchaser would be acceptable to us. We also cannot predict the length of time needed to find a willing purchaser and to close the sale of a property. In addition, there are provisions under the federal income tax laws applicable to REITs that may limit our ability to recognize the economic benefit from a sale of our assets. These factors and any others that would impede our ability to respond to adverse changes in the performance of our properties could have a material adverse effect on our operating results and financial condition.

#### Transfers of healthcare facilities generally require regulatory approvals, and alternative uses of healthcare facilities are limited.

Because transfers of healthcare facilities may be subject to regulatory approvals not required for transfers of other types of commercial operations and other types of real estate, there may be delays in transferring operations of our facilities to successor tenant operators or we may be prohibited from transferring operations to a successor tenant operator. In addition, substantially all of our properties are

healthcare facilities that may not be easily adapted to non-healthcare related uses. If we are unable to transfer properties at times opportune to us, our revenue and operations may suffer.

## We may experience uninsured or underinsured losses.

We generally require our operators to secure and maintain comprehensive liability and property insurance that covers us, as well as the operators, on most of our properties. Some types of losses, however, either may be uninsurable or too expensive to insure against. Should an uninsured loss or a loss in excess of insured limits occur, we could lose all or a portion of the capital we have invested in a property, as well as the anticipated future revenue from the property. In such an event, we might nevertheless remain obligated for any mortgage debt or other financial obligations related to the property. We cannot assure you that material losses in excess of insurance proceeds will not occur in the future.

#### Increases in interest rates may increase our interest expense and adversely affect our cash flow and our ability to service our indebtedness.

At June 30, 2006, our total consolidated indebtedness was approximately \$2.2 billion, of which approximately \$302 million, or 11%, is subject to variable interest rates. This variable rate debt had a weighted average interest rate of approximately 5.75% per annum. In addition, certain of our anticipated future debt financings, including debt we may assume as a result of the merger with CNL Retirement Properties, Inc. and borrowings under a 364 day bridge facility, a two-year term loan facility and a new three year revolving credit facility, will be subject to variable interest rates. Increases in interest rates on this variable rate debt would increase our interest expense, which could harm our cash flow and our ability to service our indebtedness.

## Loss of our tax status as a REIT would have significant adverse consequences to us.

We currently operate and have operated commencing with our taxable year ended December 31, 1985 in a manner that is intended to allow us to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code.

Qualification as a REIT involves the application of highly technical and complex Internal Revenue Code provisions for which there are only limited judicial and administrative interpretations. The determination of various factual matters and circumstances not entirely within our control may affect our ability to qualify as a REIT. For example, in order to qualify as a REIT, at least 95% of our gross income in any year must be derived from qualifying sources, and we must satisfy a number of requirements regarding the composition of our assets. Also, we must make distributions to stockholders aggregating annually at least 90% of our REIT taxable income, determined by excluding any net capital gain. In addition, new legislation, regulations, administrative interpretations, court decisions, mergers or acquisitions (including, but not limited to, the pending transaction with CNL Retirement Properties, Inc., or CRP, and its external advisor, CNL Retirement Corp.) or other events may adversely affect our investors or our ability to qualify as a REIT for tax purposes. Although we believe that we have been organized and have operated in such manner, we can give no assurance that we have qualified or will continue to qualify as a REIT for tax purposes.

If we lose our REIT status, we will face serious tax consequences that will substantially reduce the funds available to make payments of principal and interest on the debt securities we issue and to make distributions to our stockholders. If we fail to qualify as a REIT:

•	we would not be allowed a deduction for distributions to stockholders in computing our taxable income and
wo	ould be subject to federal income tax at regular corporate rates;

- we also could be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax and possibly increased state and local taxes; and
- unless we are entitled to relief under statutory provisions, we could not elect to be subject to tax as a REIT for four taxable years following the year during which we were disqualified.

In addition, if we fail to qualify as a REIT, all distributions to stockholders would be subject to tax as regular corporate dividends to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits and we would not be required to make distributions to stockholders.

As a result of all these factors, our failure to qualify as a REIT also could impair our ability to expand our business and raise capital, and could adversely affect the market prices of our securities.

Further, if CRP failed to qualify as a REIT for any of its taxable years, it would be required to pay federal income tax (including any applicable alternative minimum tax) on its taxable income at regular corporate rates. Because the merger will be treated for income tax purposes as if CRP sold all of its assets in a taxable transaction, if CRP did not qualify as a REIT for the tax year of the merger, its taxable income would include the built-in gain in all of its assets. Built-in gain generally means the excess of the fair market value of an asset over its adjusted tax basis. HCP, as successor-in-interest to CRP, would be required to pay this tax.

#### Certain Provisions of Maryland Law and Our Charter and Bylaws Could Hinder, Delay or Prevent Changes in Control.

Certain provisions of Maryland law, our charter and our bylaws have the effect of discouraging, delaying or preventing transactions that involve an actual or threatened change in control. See Certain Provisions of Maryland Law and HCP s Charter and Bylaws. These provisions include the following:

Removal of Directors. Subject to the rights of one or more classes or series of preferred stock to elect one or more directors, our charter provides that a director may only be removed by the affirmative vote or written consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares or by a unanimous vote of all other members of the board of directors.

Stockholder Requested Special Meetings. Our bylaws provide that our stockholders have the right to call a special meeting only upon the written request of the stockholders holding, in the aggregate, not less than 50% of the outstanding shares entitled to vote on the business proposed to be transacted at such meeting.

Advance Notice Provisions for Stockholder Nominations and Proposals. Our bylaws require advance written notice for stockholders to nominate persons for election as directors at, or to bring other business before, any meeting of stockholders. This bylaw provision limits the ability of stockholders to make nominations of persons for election as directors or to introduce other proposals unless we are notified in a timely manner prior to the meeting.

Preferred Stock. Under our charter, our board of directors has authority to issue preferred stock from time to time in one or more series and to establish the terms, preferences and rights of any such series of preferred stock, all without approval of our stockholders.

Duties of Directors with Respect to Unsolicited Takeovers. Maryland law provides protection for Maryland corporations against unsolicited takeovers by limiting, among other things, the duties of the directors in unsolicited takeover situations. The duties of directors of Maryland corporations do not require them to (a) accept, recommend or respond to any proposal by a person seeking to acquire control of the corporation, (b) make a determination under the Maryland Business Combination Act or the Maryland Control Share Acquisition Act, or (c) act or fail to act solely because of the effect of the act or failure to act may have on an acquisition or potential acquisition of control of the corporation or the

amount or type of consideration that may be offered or paid to the stockholders in an acquisition. Moreover, under Maryland law, an act of a director of a Maryland corporation relating to or affecting an acquisition or potential acquisition of control is not subject to any higher duty or greater scrutiny than is applied to any other act of a director. Maryland law also contains a statutory presumption that an act of a director of a Maryland corporation satisfies the applicable standards of conduct for directors under Maryland law.

Unsolicited Takeovers. Under Maryland law, a Maryland corporation with a class of equity securities registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and at least three independent directors may elect to be subject to certain statutory provisions relating to unsolicited takeovers which, among other things, would automatically classify the board of directors into three classes with staggered terms of three years each and vest in the board of directors the exclusive right to determine the number of directors and the exclusive right, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors, to fill vacancies on the board of directors, even if the remaining directors do not constitute a quorum. These statutory provisions relating to unsolicited takeovers also provide that any director elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the remainder of the full term of the class of directors in which the vacancy occurred, rather than the next annual meeting of directors as would otherwise be the case, and until his successor is elected and qualified.

An election to be subject to any or all of the foregoing statutory provisions may be made in our charter or bylaws, or by resolution of our board of directors without stockholder approval. Any such statutory provision to which we elect to be subject will apply even if other provisions of Maryland law or our charter or bylaws provide to the contrary. Neither our charter nor our bylaws provides that we are subject to any of the foregoing statutory provisions relating to unsolicited takeovers. However, our board of directors could adopt a resolution, without stockholder approval, to elect to become subject to some or all of these statutory provisions.

If we made an election to be subject to such statutory provisions and our board of directors was divided into three classes with staggered terms of office of three years each, the classification and staggered terms of office of our directors would make it more difficult for a third party to gain control of our board of directors since at least two annual meetings of stockholders, instead of one, generally would be required to effect a change in the majority of our board of directors.

Maryland Business Combination Act. The Maryland Business Combination Act provides that unless exempted, a Maryland corporation may not engage in business combinations, including mergers, dispositions of 10% or more of its assets, issuances of shares of stock and other specified transactions, with an interested stockholder or an affiliate of an interested stockholder for five years after the most recent date on which the interested stockholder became an interested stockholder, and thereafter unless specified criteria are met. An interested stockholder is generally a person owning or controlling, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of the voting power of the outstanding stock of a Maryland corporation. Unless our board of directors takes action to exempt us, generally or with respect to certain transactions, from this statute in the future, the Maryland Business Combination Act will be applicable to business combinations between us and other persons.

Maryland Control Share Acquisition Act. Maryland law provides that control shares of a corporation acquired in a control share acquisition shall have no voting rights except to the extent approved by a vote of two-thirds of the vote eligible to cast on the matter under the Maryland Control Share Acquisition Act. Control Shares means shares of stock that, if aggregated with all other shares of stock previously acquired by the acquiror, would entitle the acquiror to exercise voting power in electing directors within one of the following ranges of the voting power: one-tenth or more but less than one-third, one-third or more but less than a majority or a majority or more of all voting power. A control share acquisition means the acquisition of control shares, subject to certain exceptions.

If voting rights or control shares acquired in a control share acquisition are not approved at a stockholder s meeting, then subject to certain conditions and limitations, the issuer may redeem any or all of the control shares for fair value. If voting rights of such control shares are approved at a stockholder s meeting and the acquiror becomes entitled to vote a majority of the shares of stock entitled to vote, all other stockholders may exercise appraisal rights. If any of our shares are control shares acquired in a control share acquisition, they will be subject to the Maryland Control Share Acquisition Act unless our bylaws are amended in the future to exempt the acquisition of control shares generally or with respect to certain transactions.

#### To maintain our REIT status, we may be forced to borrow funds on a short-term basis during unfavorable market conditions.

To qualify as a REIT, we generally must distribute to our stockholders at least 90% of our REIT taxable income each year, determined by excluding any net capital gain, and we will be subject to regular corporate income taxes to the extent that we distribute less than 100% of our REIT taxable income each year. In addition, we will be subject to a 4% nondeductible excise tax on the amount, if any, by which distributions paid by us in any calendar year are less than the sum of 85% of our ordinary income, 95% of our capital gain net income and 100% of our undistributed income from prior years. In order to maintain our REIT status and avoid the payment of income and excise taxes, we may need to borrow funds on a short-term basis to meet the REIT distribution requirements even if the then prevailing market conditions are not favorable for these borrowings. These short-term borrowing needs could result from differences in timing between the actual receipt of cash and inclusion of income for federal income tax purposes, or the effect of non-deductible capital expenditures, the creation of reserves or required debt or amortization payments.

## Our charter contains ownership limits with respect to our common stock and other classes of capital stock.

Our charter, subject to certain exceptions, contains restrictions on the ownership and transfer of our common stock and preferred stock that are intended to assist us in preserving our qualification as a REIT. Under our charter, subject to certain exceptions, no person or entity may own, actually or constructively, more than 9.8% (by value or by number of shares, whichever is more restrictive) of the outstanding shares of our common stock or our preferred stock.

Additionally, our charter has a 9.9% ownership limitation on the company s voting shares, which may include common stock or other classes of capital stock. Our board of directors, in its sole discretion, may exempt a proposed transferee from either ownership limit. The ownership limits may delay, defer or prevent a transaction or a change of control that might be in the best interest of our stockholders. See Description of Capital Stock We May Offer.

## Risks Relating to the Acquisition of CNL Retirement Properties, Inc.

#### If we are unable to successfully integrate the operations of CRP, our business and earnings may be negatively affected.

The merger with CNL Retirement Properties, Inc., or CRP, a Maryland corporation, will involve the integration of companies that have previously operated independently. Successful integration of the operations of CRP will depend primarily on our ability to consolidate operations, systems procedures, properties and personnel and to eliminate redundancies and costs. The merger will also pose other risks commonly associated with similar transactions, including unanticipated liabilities, unexpected costs and the diversion of management s attention to the integration of the operations of our operations and those of CRP. We cannot assure you that we will be able to integrate CRP s operations without encountering difficulties, including, but not limited to, the loss of key employees, the disruption of our respective ongoing businesses or possible inconsistencies in standards, controls, procedures and policies. Estimated

cost savings are projected to come from various areas that our management has identified through the due diligence and integration planning process. If we have difficulties with any of these integrations, we might not achieve the economic benefits we expect to result from the merger, and this may hurt our business and earnings. In addition, we may experience greater than expected costs or difficulties relating to the integration of the business of CRP and/or may not realize expected cost savings from the merger within the expected time frame, if at all.

Difficulties associated with establishing joint ventures and contributing properties to those joint ventures or selling properties, including CRP s properties, could limit the combined company s flexibility and adversely affect the anticipated benefits of the merger and the market prices of our securities.

We have established joint ventures with respect to certain of our properties or sold certain of our properties to third parties in recent years and intend to continue to establish joint ventures and sell properties as opportunities arise. We believe that many of CRP s current and future developments will be good candidates to contribute to joint ventures or sell to third parties. The combined company s ability to establish joint ventures or sell properties, including properties currently owned or developed by CRP, on advantageous terms is dependent upon several factors, some of which are beyond the control of our management. These factors include our ability to identify financial partners willing to contribute to joint ventures on acceptable terms, if at all, and our ability to obtain debt financing for such joint ventures on attractive terms, if at all, as well as competition from other owners of properties and rights of third parties with respect to such properties. Continued interest from and capital provided by other joint venture investors is necessary in order for us to continue our strategy of contributing properties to such joint ventures. Our inability to establish joint ventures and contribute properties to such joint ventures or to sell properties, including those properties currently owned by CRP, or to do so on advantageous terms could materially adversely affect our business.

We and CRP are expected to incur substantial costs in connection with the merger, which could result in our not realizing some of the anticipated benefits of the merger.

We and CRP are expected to incur one-time, pre-tax costs of approximately \$39.1 million in connection with the merger. These costs will include investment banking expenses, legal and accounting fees, printing expenses and other related charges incurred by us and CRP. Completion of the merger will also require the payment of fees in connection with certain of CRP s existing debt. In addition, we anticipate prepaying and/or refinancing other of CRP s existing debt. We also expect to incur one-time, pre-tax cash and non-cash costs related to the integration of us and CRP, which cannot be estimated at this time. There can be no assurance that the costs incurred by us and CRP in connection with the merger will not be higher than expected or that we will not incur additional unanticipated costs and expenses in connection with the merger.

The combined company s indebtedness following the completion of the merger will be higher than our existing indebtedness. This increased level of indebtedness could adversely affect us in many ways, including by reducing funds available for other business purposes, reducing our flexibility and increasing our exposure to variations in interest rates.

Our indebtedness as of June 30, 2006 was approximately \$2.2 billion. Our pro forma indebtedness as of June 30, 2006, giving effect to the merger and taking into account our anticipated debt financings in connection with the merger, would be approximately \$6.8 billion. Our anticipated debt financings include up to \$3.4 billion of aggregate borrowings under a 364 day bridge facility and a two-year term loan facility that we anticipate entering into prior to the closing of the merger, as well as potential borrowings under a new three-year revolving credit facility that we anticipate entering into prior to the closing of the merger. In addition, it is expected that we will continue to incur debt, including under the new revolving credit facility, in the future. As a result of the increase in debt, demands on our cash resources will increase after

the merger. The increased levels of debt could reduce funds available to us to pay dividends, or make capital expenditures and acquisitions or create competitive disadvantages for us compared to other companies with lower debt levels. In addition to requiring repayment or refinancing within a period of time ranging from 364 days to three years, our new debt facilities will be required to be repaid from the cash proceeds of non-ordinary course asset sales, the incurrence of certain debt, the issuance of additional equity and certain other events. As a result of such covenants and our expected level of debt generally, our flexibility could be significantly limited, including our ability to finance or refinance our properties, contribute properties to joint ventures or sell properties as needed.

At June 30, 2006, approximately \$302 million of our debt was subject to variable interest rates. We anticipate that a substantial portion of the new debt to be incurred or assumed in connection with the merger will also be subject to variable interest rates and that, following the merger, a higher percentage of our debt overall will be subject to variable interest rates. If interest rates increase, the combined company s interest costs will also increase, which could harm our cash flow and our ability to service debt. An increase in market interest rates may also lead investors to demand a higher annual distribution rate, which could adversely affect the market prices of our securities.

### Our business and the market prices of our securities may be adversely affected if the merger with CRP is not completed.

The merger with CRP is subject to several customary conditions. If our merger with CRP is not completed, we could be subject to a number of risks that may adversely affect our business and the market prices of our securities, including:

- our management s attention may be diverted from our day-to-day business and our employees and our relationships with customers and joint venture partners may be disrupted as a result of efforts relating to the acquisition;
- the market prices of our securities may decline to the extent that the current market prices reflect a market assumption that the merger will be completed;
- we must pay certain costs related to the merger, such as legal and accounting fees and printing expenses; and
- we would not realize the benefits we expect by acquiring CRP.

As a result of the merger, the number of our stockholders will increase by approximately 92,442 persons. Sales by such individuals could exert downward pressure on the price of our common stock.

As of August 1, 2006, CRP had 92,442 holders of its common stock. CRP common stock is not publicly traded and, accordingly, is relatively illiquid. As a result of the merger, CRP s stockholders will receive shares of our common stock, which is publicly traded and more liquid. Sales by former CRP stockholders of our common stock could exert downward pressure on the price of our common stock.

#### As a result of the merger and the Advisor merger, we may inherit tax liabilities and attributes from CRP and the Advisor.

Concurrently with the CRP merger, CNL Retirement Corp., or the Advisor, which is the external advisor to CRP, will merge with and into a wholly owned subsidiary of ours, pursuant to an agreement and plan of merger, dated as of May 1, 2006, by and among us, the Advisor, the stockholders of the Advisor and our subsidiary. We refer to this merger as the Advisor merger. As a result of the merger and the Advisor merger, we may succeed to certain tax liabilities and tax attributes of CRP and the Advisor. See United States Federal Income Tax Considerations Tax Liabilities and Attributes Inherited from CRP and United States Federal Income Tax Considerations Tax Liabilities and Attributes Inherited from the Advisor.

### CAUTIONARY LANGUAGE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements in this prospectus and the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement that are not historical factual statements are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. We intend such forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and are including this section for purposes of complying with these safe harbor provisions. The statements include, among other things, statements regarding the intent, belief or expectations of us and our officers and can be identified by the expect, use of terminology such as may, believe, intend, plan, estimate, should and other comparable terms or the negative the will, addition, we, through our senior management, from time to time make forward-looking oral and written public statements concerning our expected future operations and other developments. You are cautioned that, while forward-looking statements reflect our good faith belief and best judgment based upon current information, they are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from the expectations contained in the forward-looking statements as a result of various factors. In addition to the factors set forth in this prospectus and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, you should consider the following:

- (a) Legislative, regulatory, or other changes in the healthcare industry at the local, state or federal level which increase the costs of or otherwise affect the operations of, our tenants and borrowers;
- (b) Changes in the reimbursement available to our operators by governmental or private payors, including changes in Medicare and Medicaid payment levels and the availability and cost of third party insurance coverage;
- (c) Competition for tenants and borrowers, including with respect to new leases and mortgages and the renewal or rollover of existing leases;
- (d) Availability of suitable healthcare facilities to acquire at favorable prices and the competition for such acquisition and financing of healthcare facilities;
- (e) The ability of our tenants and borrowers to operate our properties in a manner sufficient to maintain or increase revenues and to generate sufficient income to make rent and loan payments;
- (f) The financial weakness of some operators, including potential bankruptcies, which results in uncertainties regarding our ability to continue to realize the full benefit of such operators leases;
- (g) Changes in national or regional economic conditions, including changes in interest rates and the availability and cost of capital;
- (h) The risk that we will not be able to sell or lease facilities that are currently vacant;
- (i) The potential costs of SB 1953 compliance with respect to our hospital in Tarzana, California;
- (j) The financial, legal and regulatory difficulties of two significant operators, Tenet and HealthSouth;
- (k) HCP s ability to integrate the CRP businesses and to achieve expected synergies, operating efficiencies and other benefits within expected time-frames or at all, or within expected cost projections, and to preserve the goodwill of the acquired business;
- (1) HCP s ability to obtain financing necessary to consummate the acquisition or on favorable terms;
- (m) Each of CRP and HCP being able to successfully maintain its qualification as a REIT;
- (n) The ability of CRP and HCP to consummate the merger; and

(o) The potential impact of existing and future litigation matters.

We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. In light of these risks and uncertainties, the forward-looking events discussed in this prospectus or incorporated by reference in this prospectus may not occur.

#### THE COMPANY

We invest primarily in real estate serving the healthcare industry in the United States. We are a Maryland corporation and were organized to qualify as a REIT in 1985. We are headquartered in Long Beach, California, with operations in Nashville, Tennessee, and our portfolio includes, as of June 30, 2006, interests in 534 properties in 42 states and consists of 143 senior housing facilities, 182 medical office buildings, 29 hospitals, 155 skilled nursing facilities and 25 other healthcare facilities. We acquire healthcare facilities and lease them to healthcare providers and provide mortgage financing secured by healthcare facilities. Our portfolio includes: (i) senior housing, including independent living facilities, assisted living facilities, and continuing care retirement communities; (ii) medical office buildings; (iii) hospitals; (iv) skilled nursing facilities; and (v) other healthcare facilities, including laboratory and office buildings.

Our executive offices are located at 3760 Kilroy Airport Way, Suite 300, Long Beach, California 90806, and our telephone number is (562) 733-5100.

#### RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following table sets forth our ratios of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated. In computing the ratios of earnings to fixed charges, earnings have been based on consolidated income from continuing operations before fixed charges (exclusive of capitalized interest). Fixed charges consist of interest on debt, including amounts capitalized, an estimate of interest in rental expense, and interest expense related to the guaranteed debt of the partnerships and limited liability companies in which we hold an interest. In computing the ratios of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends, preferred stock dividends consist of dividends on our 778% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (until September 10, 2003 when the Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (until October 1, 2003 when the Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (until May 2, 2003 when the Series C Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock was redeemed), 7.25% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock and 7.10% Series F Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock.

	Year Ended December 31,					2005	For the Six Mo Ended June 30, 2006	onths
	2001	2002	2003	2004	Actual	Pro Forma(1)	Actual	Pro Forma(1)
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed								
Charges	2.37	2.62	2.53	2.71	2.45	1.18	2.33	1.24
Ratio of Earnings to Combined Fixed								
Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends	1.78	1.98	1.79	2.19	2.06	1.12	2.01	1.18

<sup>(1)</sup> The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statement of income data used in the pro forma calculations were prepared under the purchase method of accounting as if the merger between HCP, CRP, the Advisor, and related financing transactions had been completed (a) on January 1, 2005 for the Year Ended 2005 Pro Forma ratios, and (b) on January 1, 2006 for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2006 Pro Forma ratios. We have included this information only for purposes of illustration, and it does not necessarily indicate what the ratios would have been if the merger and the related financing transactions had actually been completed on those dates. Moreover, this information does not necessarily indicate what the future ratios of earnings to fixed charges will be. You should read this

table in conjunction with the Notes to Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by HCP on September 7, 2006, which is incorporated herein by reference.

#### USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement for any offering of securities, the net proceeds, after estimated expenses, we receive from the sale of these securities will be used for general corporate purposes, which may include:

- funding investments in, or extensions of credit to, our subsidiaries;
- funding investments in non-affiliates;
- reducing, repaying or refinancing debt;
- repurchasing or redeeming outstanding securities;
- financing possible acquisitions, including the proposed merger with CRP; and
- working capital.

Pending such use, we may temporarily invest net proceeds. We will disclose in the prospectus supplement relating to an offering of securities any intention to use the net proceeds from such offering in connection with an acquisition or to reduce or refinance outstanding debt.

#### DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK WE MAY OFFER

Please note that in this section entitled Description of Capital Stock We May Offer, references to holders mean those who own shares of common stock or preferred stock, registered in their own names, on the books that the registrar or we maintain for this purpose, and not those who own beneficial interests in shares registered in street name or in shares issued in book-entry form through one or more depositaries.

Owners of beneficial interests in shares of common stock should also read the section entitled Legal Ownership and Book-Entry Issuance.

The following description summarizes the material provisions of the common stock and preferred stock we may offer. This description is not complete and is subject to, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to our articles of restatement and our third amended and restated bylaws and applicable provisions of the Maryland General Corporation Law, or the MGCL. The specific terms of any series of preferred stock will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. Any series of preferred stock we issue will be governed by our articles of restatement and by the articles supplementary related to that series. We will file the articles supplementary with the SEC and incorporate it by reference as an exhibit to our registration statement at or before the time we issue any preferred stock of that series of authorized preferred stock.

Our authorized capital stock consists of 750,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, and 50,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share. The following description does not contain all the information that might be important to you.

#### Common Stock

As of August 23, 2006, there were 137,306,852 shares of common stock outstanding. All shares of common stock participate equally in dividends payable to holders of common stock, when and as authorized by our board and declared by us, and in net assets available for distribution to holders of common stock on liquidation, dissolution, or winding up. Each outstanding share of common stock entitles the holder to one vote on all matters submitted to a vote of our stockholders. Holders of common stock do not have cumulative voting rights in the election of directors.

All issued and outstanding shares of common stock are, and the common stock offered by this prospectus will be upon issuance, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. Holders of common stock do not have preference, conversion, exchange or preemptive rights. The common stock is listed on The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE Symbol: HCP).

The Transfer Agent and Registrar for our common stock is The Bank of New York.

#### **Preferred Stock**

Under our charter, our board is authorized without further stockholder action to establish and issue, from time to time, up to 50,000,000 shares of our preferred stock, in one or more series, with such designations, preferences, powers and relative participating, optional or other special rights, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereon, including, but not limited to, dividend rights, dividend rate or rates, conversion rights, voting rights, rights and terms of redemption (including sinking fund provisions), the redemption price or prices, and the liquidation preferences as shall be stated in the resolution providing for the issue of a series of such stock, adopted, at any time or from time to time, by our board. As of August 23, 2006, we had outstanding 4,000,000 shares of 7.25% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, or Series E Preferred Stock, with a liquidation preference of \$100,000,000 and 7,820,000 shares of 7.10% Series F Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, or Series F Preferred Stock, with a liquidation preference of \$195,500,000.

The following description of the terms of the preferred stock sets forth certain general terms and provisions of the preferred stock to which any prospectus supplement may relate. The preferred stock shall have the dividend, liquidation, redemption and voting rights set forth below unless otherwise provided in a prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of the preferred stock. The terms of any particular series of preferred stock will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to that particular series of preferred stock, including:

- the number of shares constituting the series and the distinctive designation thereof;
- the voting rights, if any, of the series;
- the rate of dividends payable on the series, the time or times when dividends will be payable, the preference to, or any relation to, the payment of dividends to any other class or series of stock and whether the dividends will be cumulative or non-cumulative;
- whether there shall be a sinking or similar fund for the purchase of shares of the series and, if so, the terms and provisions that shall govern the fund;
- the rights of the holders of shares of the series upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up;
- the rights, if any, of holders of shares of the series to convert their shares into or to exchange the shares for, shares of any other class or classes or any other series of the same or of any other class or classes of stock of the corporation or any other securities, the price or prices or rate or rates of exchange, with such adjustments as shall be provided, at which the shares shall be convertible or exchangeable, whether such rights of conversion or exchange shall be exercisable at the option of the holder of the shares or upon the happening of a specified event and any other terms or conditions of such conversion or exchange; and
- any other preferences, powers and relative participating, optional or other special rights and qualifications, limitations or restrictions of shares of the series.

The preferred stock will, when issued, be fully paid and nonassessable and will have no preemptive rights. Unless otherwise stated in a prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of preferred stock, each series of preferred stock will rank on a parity as to dividends and distributions of assets with each

other series of preferred stock. The rights of the holders of each series of preferred stock will be subordinate to those of our general creditors.

### Dividend Rights of Preferred Stock

Holders of shares of preferred stock of each series will be entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by our board of directors, out of funds legally available therefor, cash dividends on the dates and at rates as will be set forth in, or as are determined by the method described in, the prospectus supplement relating to the series of preferred stock. The rate may be fixed or variable or both. Each dividend will be payable to the holders of record as they appear on our stock books on the record dates fixed by our board of directors, as specified in the prospectus supplement relating to the series of preferred stock.

Dividends may be cumulative or noncumulative, as provided in the prospectus supplement relating to the series of preferred stock. If our board of directors fails to declare a dividend payable on a dividend payment date on any series of preferred stock for which dividends are noncumulative, then the holders of the series of preferred stock will have no right to receive a dividend in respect of the dividend period ending on the dividend payment date, and we will have no obligation to pay the dividend accrued for such period, whether or not dividends on the series are declared payable on any future dividend payment dates. Dividends on the shares of each series of preferred stock for which dividends are cumulative will accrue from the date on which we initially issue shares of the series.

So long as the shares of any series of preferred stock are outstanding, except as otherwise provided in the prospectus supplement relating to such series, we may not declare any dividends on our common stock or any other stock ranking as to dividends or distributions of assets junior to the series of preferred stock or make any payment on account of, or set apart money for, the purchase, redemption or other retirement of, or for a sinking or other analogous fund for, any shares of junior stock or make any distribution in respect thereof, whether in cash or property or in obligations or stock, other than junior stock which is neither convertible into, nor exchangeable or exercisable for, any securities other than junior stock:

- unless, if the preferred stock is cumulative, full dividends for prior dividend periods shall have been paid or declared and set apart for payment on all outstanding shares of preferred stock of the series and all other series of our preferred stock (other than junior stock); and
- unless we are not in default or in arrears with respect to the mandatory or optional redemption or mandatory repurchase or other mandatory retirement of, or with respect to any sinking or other analogous fund for, any shares of preferred stock of the series or any shares of any other series of our preferred stock (other than junior stock).

### Liquidation Preference

In the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of us, voluntary or involuntary, the holders of each series of the preferred stock will be entitled to receive out of our assets legally available for distribution to stockholders, before any distribution of assets or payment is made to the holders of common stock or any other shares of our stock ranking junior as to such distribution or payment to such series of preferred stock, the amount set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to such series of preferred stock. If, upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of us, the amounts payable with respect to the preferred stock of any series and any other shares of preferred stock (including any other series of the preferred stock) ranking as to any such distribution on a parity with such series of preferred stock are not paid in full, the holders of the preferred stock of such series and of such other shares of preferred stock will share ratably in any such distribution of our assets in proportion to the full respective preferential amounts to which they are entitled. After payment to the holders of the preferred stock of each series of the full preferential amounts of the liquidating distribution to which they

are entitled, the holders of each such series of preferred stock will be entitled to no further participation in any distribution of our assets.

If such payment shall have been made in full to all holders of shares of preferred stock, our remaining assets will be distributed among the holders of any other classes of stock ranking junior to the preferred stock upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, according to their respective rights and preferences and in each case according to their respective number of shares. For such purposes, our consolidation or merger with or into any other corporation, or the sale, lease or conveyance of all or substantially all of our property or business, shall not be deemed to constitute a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of us.

### Redemption

A series of preferred stock may be redeemable, in whole or from time to time in part, at our option, and may be subject to mandatory redemption pursuant to a sinking fund or otherwise, in each case upon terms, at the times and at the redemption prices set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to such series. Shares of the preferred stock redeemed by us will be restored to the status of authorized but unissued shares of preferred stock.

In the event that fewer than all of the outstanding shares of a series of the preferred stock are to be redeemed, whether by mandatory or optional redemption, the number of shares to be redeemed will be determined by lot or pro rata (subject to rounding to avoid fractional shares) as may be determined by us or by any other method as may be determined by us in our sole discretion to be equitable. From and after the redemption date (unless default shall be made by us in providing for the payment of the redemption price plus accumulated and unpaid dividends, if any), dividends shall cease to accumulate on the shares of the preferred stock called for redemption and all rights of the holders thereof (except the right to receive the redemption price plus accumulated and unpaid dividends, if any) shall cease.

So long as any dividends on shares of any series of preferred stock or any other series of preferred stock ranking on a parity as to dividends and distributions of assets with such series of preferred stock are in arrears, no shares of any such series of the preferred stock or such other series of preferred stock will be redeemed (whether by mandatory or optional redemption) unless all such shares are simultaneously redeemed, and we will not purchase or otherwise acquire any such shares. However, the foregoing will not prevent the purchase or acquisition of such shares of preferred stock of such series or of shares of such other series of preferred stock in order to ensure that we continue to meet the requirements for qualification as a REIT for federal and state income tax purposes or pursuant to a purchase or exchange offer made on the same terms to holders of all outstanding shares of preferred stock of such series and, unless the full cumulative dividends on all outstanding shares of any cumulative preferred stock of such series and any other stock ranking on a parity with such series as to dividends and upon liquidation shall have been paid or contemporaneously are declared and paid for all past dividend periods, we will not purchase or otherwise acquire directly or indirectly any shares of preferred stock of such series (except by conversion into or exchange for our stock) ranking junior to the preferred stock of such series as to dividends and upon liquidation.

Notice of redemption will be mailed at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each holder of record of shares of preferred stock to be redeemed at the address shown on our stock transfer books. After the redemption date, dividends will cease to accrue on the shares of preferred stock called for redemption and all rights of the holders of such shares will terminate, except the right to receive the redemption price without interest plus accumulated and unpaid dividends, if any.

### Conversion Rights

The terms, if any, on which shares of preferred stock of any series may be exchanged for or converted (mandatorily or otherwise) into shares of common stock or another series of preferred stock will be set forth in the prospectus supplement relating thereto.

### Voting Rights

Except as indicated below or in a prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of preferred stock, the holders of the preferred stock will not be entitled to vote for any purpose.

So long as any shares of preferred stock remain outstanding, we will not, without the consent or the affirmative vote of the holders of two-thirds of the shares of each series of preferred stock outstanding at the time given in person or by proxy, either in writing or at a meeting (such series voting separately as a class):

- authorize, create or issue, or increase the authorized or issued amount of, any series of stock ranking prior to such series of preferred stock with respect to payment of dividends, or the distribution of assets on liquidation, dissolution or winding up or reclassifying any of our authorized stock into any such shares, or create, authorize or issue any obligation or security convertible into or evidencing the right to purchase any such shares; or
- repeal, amend or otherwise change any of the provisions of our charter applicable to the preferred stock of such series in any manner which materially and adversely affects the powers, preferences, voting power or other rights or privileges of such series of preferred stock or the holders thereof; provided, however, that any increase in the amount of the authorized preferred stock or the creation or issuance of other series of preferred stock, or any increase in the amount of authorized shares of such series or of any other series of preferred stock, in each case ranking on a parity with or junior to the preferred stock of such series, shall not be deemed to materially and adversely affect such rights, preferences, privileges or voting powers.

The foregoing voting provisions will not apply if, at or prior to the time when the act with respect to which such vote would otherwise be required shall be effected, all outstanding shares of the preferred stock shall have been redeemed or called for redemption and sufficient funds shall have been deposited in trust to effect such redemption.

#### Series E Preferred Stock

### Voting Rights

Holders of Series E Preferred Stock generally do not have any voting rights, except in limited circumstances.

If dividends on any shares of Series E Preferred Stock are in arrears for six or more quarterly periods, whether or not consecutive, the holders of Series E Preferred Stock (voting separately as a class with all other classes or series of preferred stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable) are entitled to vote for the election of a total of two additional directors of HCP at a special meeting called by the holders of record of at least 25% of the Series E Preferred Stock or the holders of any other class or series of preferred stock so in arrears or at the next annual meeting of stockholders. These voting rights continue at each subsequent annual meeting until all dividends accumulated on such shares of Series E Preferred Stock for the past dividend periods and the dividend for the then current dividend period shall have been fully paid or declared and set aside for payment. In such case, our entire board is increased by two directors.

So long as any shares of Series E Preferred Stock remain outstanding, we shall not, without the consent or the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of the shares of Series E Preferred Stock outstanding at the time, given in person or by proxy, either in writing or at a meeting, with the Series E Preferred Stock voting separately as a class:

- authorize, create or issue, or increase the authorized or issued amount of, any class or series of stock ranking prior to the Series E Preferred Stock with respect to the payment of dividends, or the distribution of assets on liquidation, dissolution or winding up;
- reclassify any of our authorized stock into any such shares, or authorize, create or issue any obligation or security convertible into or evidencing the right to purchase any class or series of stock ranking prior to the Series E Preferred Stock with respect to the payment of dividends, or the distribution of assets on liquidation, dissolution or winding up; or
- repeal, amend or otherwise change any of the provisions applicable to the Series E Preferred Stock in any manner which materially and adversely affects the powers, preferences, voting power or other rights or privileges of the Series E Preferred Stock. However, an increase in the amount of authorized preferred stock, the creation or issuance of other classes or series of preferred stock or any increase in the amount of authorized shares of Series E Preferred Stock or of any other class or series of preferred stock, in each case ranking on a parity with or junior to the Series E Preferred Stock, will not be deemed to materially and adversely affect such rights, preferences, privileges or voting powers.

The consent of the holders of Series E Preferred Stock is not required for the taking of any corporate action, including any merger or consolidation involving us or a sale of all or substantially all of our assets, regardless of the effect that such merger, consolidation or sale may have upon the rights, preferences or voting power of the holders of the Series E Preferred Stock, except as expressly set forth in the provisions of our charter.

### Rank

With respect to dividend rights and rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of HCP, the Series E Preferred Stock ranks:

- senior to the common stock, and to all equity securities issued by us ranking junior to the Series E Preferred Stock with respect to dividend rights or rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of HCP;
- on a parity with all equity securities issued by us the terms of which specifically provide that such equity securities rank on a parity with the Series E Preferred Stock with respect to dividend rights or rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of HCP; and
- junior to all equity securities issued by us the terms of which specifically provide that such equity securities rank senior to the Series E Preferred Stock with respect to dividend rights or rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of HCP.

The term equity securities does not include convertible debt securities, which rank senior to the Series E Preferred Stock prior to conversion.

### Dividends

Holders of shares of the Series E Preferred Stock are entitled to receive, when, as, and if declared by our board out of funds legally available for the payment of dividends, cumulative preferential annual cash dividends at the rate of 7.25% of the liquidation preference (equivalent to \$1.8125 per annum per share).

Dividends on the Series E Preferred Stock are cumulative from the date of original issue and payable quarterly in arrears on or about the last day of each March, June, September and December or, if not a business day, the next succeeding business day.

No dividends may be declared by our board or paid or set apart for payment on the Series E Preferred Stock if the terms of any of our agreements, including any agreement relating to its indebtedness, prohibits such a declaration, payment or setting apart for payment or provides that such declaration, payment or setting apart for payment would constitute a breach of or default under such an agreement. Likewise, no dividends may be declared by our board or paid or set apart for payment if such declaration or payment is restricted or prohibited by law.

Dividends on the Series E Preferred Stock accrue, however, whether or not we have earnings, whether or not there are funds legally available for the payment of such dividends and whether or not such dividends are declared. Accrued but unpaid dividends on the Series E Preferred Stock do not bear interest and holders of the Series E Preferred Stock are not entitled to any dividends in excess of full cumulative dividends described above. Any dividend payment made on the Series E Preferred Stock is first credited against the earliest accrued but unpaid dividend due that remains payable.

No full dividends may be declared or paid or set apart for payment on any class or series of preferred stock ranking, as to dividends, on a parity with or junior to the Series E Preferred Stock, other than a dividend in shares of any class of stock ranking junior to the Series E Preferred Stock as to dividends and upon liquidation, for any period unless full cumulative dividends have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid or declared and set apart for such payment on the Series E Preferred Stock for all past dividend periods and the then current dividend period. When dividends are not paid in full, or full payment is not so set apart, upon the Series E Preferred Stock and the shares of any other class or series of preferred stock ranking on a parity as to dividends with the Series E Preferred Stock, all dividends declared upon the Series E Preferred Stock and any other class or series of preferred stock ranking on a parity as to dividends with the Series E Preferred Stock are declared pro rata so that the amount of dividends declared per share of Series E Preferred Stock and such other class or series of preferred stock shall in all cases bear to each other the same ratio that accrued dividends per share on the Series E Preferred Stock and