

SENIOR HOUSING PROPERTIES TRUST  
Form 8-K  
August 14, 2013

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT**  
**TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): **August 8, 2013**

**SENIOR HOUSING PROPERTIES TRUST**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Maryland**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**001-15319**  
(Commission File Number)

**Two Newton Place,**  
**255 Washington Street, Suite 300**  
**Newton, Massachusetts**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**04-3445278**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**02458-1634**  
(Zip Code)

**617-796-8350**

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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**ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.**

On August 8, 2013, pursuant to ownership limitation provisions of the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of Senior Housing Properties Trust, or the Company, and the Rights Agreement by and between the Company and Equiserve Trust Company, N.A., dated as of March 10, 2004, as amended, the Board of Trustees of the Company approved the issuance of a letter to a large investment management firm that manages mutual funds permitting such firm to acquire beneficial ownership of up to 15% of the Company's outstanding common shares (or up to (but less than) 20% of the Company's outstanding common shares, if the lenders under the Company's credit agreement waive the applicable ownership restrictions under such agreements with respect to such firm). This permission is subject to limitations and covenants to ensure compliance by the Company with real estate investment trust qualification requirements and as agreed by the Company and such firm.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**SENIOR HOUSING PROPERTIES TRUST**

By:	/s/ Richard A. Doyle
Name:	Richard A. Doyle
Title:	Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 14, 2013