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NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

Tax ID: 52-2057472

The dividends paid by National HealthCare Corporation which are reportable for tax purposes to recipients for 2012 should be characterized as follows for Form 1099-DIV:

Common
CUSIP NO. 635906100

Record Date	12/30/11	3/30/12	6/29/12	10/1/12	12/17/12	Total
Payment Date	3/1/12	6/1/12	8/31/12	11/30/12	12/21/12	
Gross Dividends	.30	.30	.30	.30	1.00	2.20
Box 1a-Total Ordinary Dividends	.30	.30	.30	.30	1.00	2.20
Box 1b-Qualified Dividends	.30	.30	.30	.30	1.00	2.20

PREFERRED
CUSIP NO. 635906209

Record Date	12/15/11	3/15/12	6/15/12	9/17/12	Total
Payment Date	1/16/12	4/16/12	7/16/12	10/15/12	
Gross Dividends	.20	.20	.20	.20	.80
Box 1a-Total Ordinary Dividends	.20	.20	.20	.20	.80
Box 1b-Qualified Dividends	.20	.20	.20	.20	.80