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## **Plaza Companies Secures Two New Tenants For Key Tucson Medical Properties**

*New Occupants Lease Over 5,000 Square Feet of Space in La Cholla Medical Center*

TUCSON, Arizona (February 15, 2012) — Plaza Companies recently signed deals with both The University of Arizona Health Network and the Weight Loss Institute of Arizona for spaces in the La Cholla Medical Center in Tucson, Arizona.

The University of Arizona Health Network signed a 10-year agreement for a 3,586 square foot space and the Weight Loss Institute of Arizona has obtained a three-year lease for a 2,135 square foot space within the two-story medical office building located across the street from Northwest Medical Center in the heart of Tucson.

Howard Schwiebert, Senior Portfolio Manager and Leasing Specialist with Plaza Companies, said he was pleased to reach agreements with both entities.

“We are excited to increase our occupancy in the Tucson market for Healthcare Trust of America, Inc.’s exceptional medical office properties,” Schwiebert said. “The University of Arizona Health Network and the Weight Loss Institute of Arizona offer specialized healthcare services that will improve our presence within the medical community and enhance the portfolio.”

Plaza Companies provides property management and leasing services to four medical office properties in the Tucson area. The properties, all owned by Healthcare Trust of America, Inc. are:

- Academy Medical, located at 310 North Wilmot
- Desert Life Medical Center, located at 2001 West Orange Grove Road
- LaCholla Medical Center, located at 6261 North LaCholla
- Gateway Medical Plaza, located at 6320 North La Cholla

Plaza’s office in Tucson is located at LaCholla Medical Center, Suite 111.

Healthcare Trust of America, Inc. is a fully integrated, self-administered, and self-managed real estate investment trust, or REIT. As of March 31, 2011, HTA had made 78 geographically diverse acquisitions valued at approximately \$2.3 billion based on purchase price, which includes 242 buildings and two other real estate-related assets. HTA’s portfolio totals approximately 11.1 million square feet and includes 218 medical office buildings, ten hospitals, nine skilled nursing and assisted living facilities and five healthcare-related office buildings located in 25 states. As of March 31, 2011 the average occupancy rate on HTA’s portfolio was 91%. For more information, visit [www.htareit.com](http://www.htareit.com).

Plaza Companies, based in Peoria, Arizona, is an award-winning leader in the development and management of medical office properties, technology and bioscience facilities, and senior housing communities. Founded in 1982, Plaza Companies is a full-service firm with a portfolio of more than 5.5 million square feet valued at more than \$1 billion. Its notable development in the Tucson marketplace is the Splendido at Rancho Vistoso senior community. For more information about Plaza Companies, visit [www.theplazaco.com](http://www.theplazaco.com).