

**HEALTH CARE REIT, INC. TAX NOTICE**  
**6 1/2% SERIES I PREFERRED STOCK**  
**\*\* FINAL NOTICE \*\***

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For 2011 federal income tax reporting, please note the following schedule which explains that during the calendar year 2011, the Company distributed the amount indicated on the date shown with respect to each share outstanding on the following record dates:

Record Date	Payment Date	Amount Per Share
June 30, 2011	July 15, 2011	\$ 1.0381900
September 30, 2011	October 17, 2011	0.8125000
December 30, 2011	January 17, 2012	0.8125000
		\$ 2.6631900

Subject to year-end audit, the Company estimates that the federal income tax status of these dividends per share is as follows:

Dividend Record Dates:	<u>06/30/11</u>	<u>09/30/11</u>	<u>12/30/11</u>	
Dividend Payment Dates:	<u>07/15/11</u>	<u>10/17/11</u>	<u>01/17/12</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ordinary Income	<b>\$1.0381900</b>	<b>\$0.8125000</b>	<b>\$0.5313770</b>	<b>\$2.3820670</b>
Short-Term Capital Gain	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000
Mid-Term Capital Gain	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000
Long-Term Capital Gain/(Loss)	0.0000000	0.0000000	<b>0.1122941</b>	<b>0.1122941</b>
Unrecaptured Sec. 1250 Gain	0.0000000	0.0000000	<b>0.1688289</b>	<b>0.1688289</b>
Return of Capital	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000
Total	<b>\$1.0381900</b>	<b>\$0.8125000</b>	<b>\$0.8125000</b>	<b>\$2.6631900</b>
Foreign Tax Credit	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000
Tax Exempt Interest	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000

Note also that the dividends paid by a real estate investment trust do not qualify for the dividend received deduction for corporate shareholders under federal tax law.



George L. Chapman  
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President

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