

HEALTH CARE REIT, INC. TAX NOTICE
COMMON STOCK
**** FINAL NOTICE ****

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For 2012 federal income tax reporting, please note the following schedule which explains that during the calendar year 2012, the Company distributed the amount indicated on the date shown with respect to each share outstanding on the following record dates:

<u>Record Date</u>	<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Amount Per Share</u>
February 7, 2012	February 21, 2012	\$ 0.7400
May 8, 2012	May 21, 2012	0.7400
August 7, 2012	August 20, 2012	0.7400
November 6, 2012	November 20, 2012	0.7400
		<u>\$ 2.9600</u>

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

	<u>2012 Payment Dates</u>				<u>Total</u>
	<u>Feb. 21</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Aug. 20</u>	<u>Nov. 20</u>	
Ordinary Income	\$ 0.3750	\$ 0.3750	\$ 0.3750	\$ 0.3750	\$ 1.5000
Short-Term Capital Gain	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Mid-Term Capital Gain	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Long-Term Capital Gain/(Loss)	0.0294	0.0294	0.0294	0.0294	0.1176
Unrecaptured Sec. 1250 Gain	0.0012	0.0012	0.0012	0.0012	0.0048
Return of Capital	0.3344	0.3344	0.3344	0.3344	1.3376
Total	<u>\$ 0.7400</u>	<u>\$ 0.7400</u>	<u>\$ 0.7400</u>	<u>\$ 0.7400</u>	<u>\$ 2.9600</u>
Foreign Tax Credit	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Tax Exempt Interest	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

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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