HEALTH CARE REIT, INC. TAX NOTICE 7 5/8% SERIES F PREFERRED 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:

Record Date	Payment Date	Amount Per Share
April 2, 2012	April 2, 2012	\$ 0.0105900
March 30, 2012	April 16, 2012	<u>\$ 0.4765625</u>
	-	<u>\$ 0.4871525</u>

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:	04/02/12	03/30/12	
Dividend Payment Dates:	04/02/12	04/16/12	<u>Total</u>
Ordinary Income	\$0.0100710	\$0.4532059	\$0.4632769
Short-Term Capital Gain	\$0.0000000	\$0.0000000	\$0.0000000
Mid-Term Capital Gain	\$0.0000000	\$0.0000000	\$0.0000000
Long-Term Capital Gain/(Loss)	\$0.0004980	\$0.0224173	\$0.0229153
Unrecaptured Sec. 1250 Gain	\$0.0000000	\$0.0009393	\$0.0009603
Return of Capital	\$0.00000000	\$0.0000000	\$0.0000000
Total	\$0.0105900	\$0.4765625	\$0.4871525
Foreign Tax Credit Tax Exempt Interest	\$0.0000000	\$0.0000000	\$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

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Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President

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