

HEALTH CARE REIT, INC. TAX NOTICE
6 1/2% SERIES J 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:

<u>Record Date</u>	<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Amount Per Share</u>
April 2, 2012	April 16, 2012	\$0.1715280
July 2, 2012	July 16, 2012	\$0.4062500
October 1, 2012	October 15, 2012	\$0.4062500
		<u>\$0.9840280</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:	<u>04/02/12</u>	<u>07/02/12</u>	<u>10/01/12</u>	
Dividend Payment Dates:	<u>04/16/12</u>	<u>07/16/12</u>	<u>10/15/12</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ordinary Income	\$0.155452	\$0.390174	\$0.390174	\$0.935800
Short-Term Capital Gain	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
Mid-Term Capital Gain	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
Long-Term Capital Gain/(Loss)	0.015429	0.015429	0.015429	0.046287
Unrecaptured Sec. 1250 Gain	0.000647	0.000647	0.000647	0.001941
Return of Capital	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
Total	<u>\$0.171528</u>	<u>\$0.406250</u>	<u>\$0.406250</u>	<u>\$0.984028</u>
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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