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

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For 2013 federal income tax reporting, please note the following schedule which explains that during the calendar year 2013, 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	
March 28, 2013	April 15, 2013	\$0.8125000	
June 28, 2013	July 15, 2013	\$0.8125000	
September 30, 2013	October 15, 2013	\$0.8125000	
December 31, 2013	January 15, 2014	\$0.8125000	
	•	\$3.2500000	

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:	03/28/13	06/28/13	09/30/13	12/31/13	
Dividend Payment Dates:	04/15/13	07/15/13	10/15/13	01/15/14	<u>Total</u>
Ordinary Income Short-Term Capital Gain Long-Term Capital Gain/(Loss) Unrecaptured Sec. 1250 Gain Return of Capital Total	\$0.770468 0.000000 0.012547 0.029485 0.000000 \$0.812500	\$0.770468 0.000000 0.012547 0.029485 0.000000 \$0.812500	\$0.770468 0.000000 0.012547 0.029485 0.000000 \$0.812500	\$0.770468 0.000000 0.012547 0.029485 0.000000 \$0.812500	\$3.081872 0.000000 0.050188 0.117940 0.000000 \$3.250000
Foreign Tax Credit Tax Exempt Interest	0.0000000 0.0000000	0.0000000 0.0000000	0.0000000 0.0000000	0.0000000 0.0000000	$\begin{array}{c} 0.0000000 \\ 0.0000000 \end{array}$

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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