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Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

▶ See separate instructions.

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Internal Revenue Service Reporting Issuer Part I 2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN) Issuer's name HEALTH CARE REIT, INC. 34-1096634 3 Name of contact for additional information Telephone No. of contact 5 Email address of contact JOHN GIANNETTI 419-247-2800 JGIANNET@ HCREIT.COM 6 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) of contact 7 City, town, or post office, state, and Zip code of contact TOLEDO, OHIO 43615-4040 4500 DORR STREET 8 Date of action 9 Classification and description **SEE BELOW** COMMON STOCK DIVIDENDS 10 CUSIP number 11 Serial number(s) 12 Ticker symbol 13 Account number(s) **HCN** Organizational Action Attach additional statements if needed. See back of form for additional questions. Describe the organizational action and, if applicable, the date of the action or the date against which shareholders' ownership is measured for the action ► QUARTERLY CASH DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS DURING 2013. Describe the quantitative effect of the organizational action on the basis of the security in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per share or as a percentage of old basis ► THE DISTRIBUTIONS REDUCED THE BASIS OF THE SECURITIES IN THE HANDS OF THE US TAXPAYER(S) AS FOLLOWS: **PAYMENT DATE RETURN OF CAPITAL** 02/20/2013 \$.354400 05/20/2013 \$.354400 08/20/2013 \$.354400 11/20/2013 \$.354400 Describe the calculation of the change in basis and the data that supports the calculation, such as the market values of securities and the Valuation dates ► HEALTH CARE REIT, INC.'S EARNINGS AND PROFITS WERE CALCULATED UNDER IRC SECTION 312 (AS MODIFIED BY SECTION 857(d) FOR REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS). DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS IN EXCESS OF EARNINGS AND PROFITS REDUCE EACH SHAREHOLDERS' TAX BASIS IN ITS SHARES.

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18 C	an anv	y resulting loss be recognized? ► N/A			
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19 P	rovide	any other information necessary to implen	nent the adjustment, such as	the reportable tax year ▶ HE	ALTH CARE REIT, INC. A
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DURING	G ITS	FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY	1, 2013 AND ENDING DECI	EMBER 31, 2013.	
	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and				
	bellet	belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.			
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