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

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For 2014 federal income tax reporting, please note the following schedule which explains that during the calendar year 2014, 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	31,	2014	April	15,	2014		\$0.8125000		
June	30,	2014	July	15,	2014		\$0.8125000		
September	30,	2014	October	15,	2014		\$0.8125000		
December	31,	2014	January	15,	2015		<u>\$0.8125000</u>		
			•				\$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:	03/31/14	06/30/14	09/30/14	12/31/14	
Dividend Payment Dates:	04/15/14	07/15/14	10/15/14	01/15/15	<u>Total</u>
Ordinary Income Short-Term Capital Gain Long-Term Capital Gain/(Loss) Unrecaptured Sec. 1250 Gain Return of Capital Total	\$0.658533 0.000000 0.045270 0.108697 0.000000 \$0.812500	\$0.658533 0.000000 0.045270 0.108697 0.000000 \$0.812500	\$0.658533 0.000000 0.045270 0.108697 0.000000 <u>\$0.812500</u>	\$0.658533 0.000000 0.045270 0.108697 0.000000 \$0.812500	\$2.634132 0.000000 0.181080 0.434788 0.000000 \$3.250000
Foreign Tax Credit Tax Exempt Interest	$\begin{array}{c} 0.0000000 \\ 0.0000000 \end{array}$	0.0000000 0.0000000	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.

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Please save this notice for use in preparing your income tax returns.