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To whom it may concern:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, HEALTH CARE REIT, INC., 6.50% Series J Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on March 6, 2012. Tentative listing date – March 9, 2012.

Sincerely,

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