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HEALTH CARE REIT, INC.

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**HEALTH CARE REIT, INC.
TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING ON MAY 3, 2007**

Toledo, Ohio, May 2, 2007...**Health Care REIT, Inc. (NYSE:HCN)** will hold its Annual Meeting of Stockholders on Thursday, May 3, 2007 in the Auditorium of One SeaGate, Toledo, Ohio.

The following proposals will be considered:

The election of four directors for a term of three years;

The amendment to the company's second restated certificate of incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock from 125,000,000 to 225,000,000;

The amendment to the company's second restated certificate of incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of preferred stock from 25,000,000 to 50,000,000; and

The ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year 2007.

The board of directors of the company has unanimously recommended a vote FOR all proposals.

With respect to the proposal to amend the certificate to increase the number of authorized shares of preferred stock, management believes it will provide the company with greater flexibility in connection with future transactions or other corporate purposes. The company intends to use the increase in the number of shares of preferred stock for capital formation purposes rather than anti-takeover purposes so that any series of the newly authorized shares will not have voting power that exceeds the shares' economic interest in the company, consistent with past issuances by the company of shares of preferred stock. Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS) has recommended that the company's stockholders vote FOR this proposal.

Stockholders as of the close of business on March 14, 2007 are entitled to vote by proxy, or in person at the meeting. Questions regarding the voting of shares may be directed towards the company's proxy solicitor, Mellon Investor Services LLC, at (866) 340-2374 (toll free) or (201) 680-5285 (call collect).

Stockholders are advised to read the definitive proxy materials delivered in connection with the solicitation of proxies from stockholders of the company. Copies of the proxy materials filed by the company with the Securities and Exchange Commission may be obtained, free of charge, from the SEC's Web site, www.sec.gov, or the company's Web site, www.hcreit.com. These proxy materials may also be obtained free of charge by contacting the company's proxy solicitor at the numbers provided above.

Health Care REIT, Inc., with headquarters in Toledo, Ohio, is a self-administered, equity real estate investment trust that invests across the full spectrum of senior housing and health care real estate, including independent living/continuing care retirement communities, assisted living facilities, skilled nursing facilities, hospitals, long-term acute care hospitals and medical office buildings. Founded in 1970, the company was the first real estate investment trust to invest exclusively in health care facilities. As of March 31, 2007, the company's broadly diversified portfolio consisted of 597 properties in 37 states. The company also offers a full array of property management and development services. More information is available on the Internet at www.hcreit.com.

This document may contain forward-looking statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. When the company uses words such as may, will, intend, should, believe, expect, anticipate, project, or similar expressions, it is making forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements reflect current plans and expectations and are based on information currently available. They are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties. The company assumes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements or to update the reasons why actual results could differ from those projected in any forward-looking statements.

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