

HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/  
Form 8-A12B  
March 06, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-A**

**FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES**  
**PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**HEALTH CARE REIT, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of incorporation  
or organization)

**34-1096634**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification no.)

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**4500 Dorr Street, Toledo, Ohio**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**43615**  
(Zip Code)

**Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

**Title of each class to be so registered**  
**6.50% Series J Cumulative**

**Name of each exchange on which each class is to be registered**  
**New York Stock Exchange**

**Redeemable Preferred Stock**

If this form relates to the registration of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box.

If this form relates to the registration of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: 333-159040

(if applicable)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

(Title of Class)

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**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT****Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.**

This registration statement relates to the 6.50% Series J Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (the Series J Preferred Stock) of Health Care REIT, Inc. (the Registrant). A description of the Series J Preferred Stock is contained in the section entitled Description of Series J Preferred Stock on pages S-28 through S-39 of the prospectus supplement filed by the Registrant with the SEC on March 2, 2012 as a supplement to its Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-159040) (the Registration Statement) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on May 7, 2009. Descriptions of the Registrant's certificate of incorporation and by-laws, including provisions applicable to the Series J Preferred Stock, are contained in the sections entitled Description of Our Common Stock, Description of Our Preferred Stock, Restrictions on Transfer of Securities and Description of Certain Provisions of Our Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws on pages 11 through 15 and pages 20 through 22 of the prospectus dated May 7, 2009 contained in the Registration Statement. Such descriptions and the exhibits listed in Item 2 are incorporated herein by reference. Any prospectus supplement or prospectus or any amendment to the Registration Statement that includes a description of the Series J Preferred Stock and that is subsequently filed by the Registrant is hereinafter incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 2. Exhibits.**

The following exhibits are filed as a part of this Registration Statement:

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
3.1	Second Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant (filed with the Commission as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed March 20, 2000 (File No. 001-08923), and incorporated herein by reference thereto).
3.2	Certificate of Amendment of Second Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant (filed with the Commission as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed March 20, 2000 (File No. 001-08923), and incorporated herein by reference thereto).
3.3	Certificate of Amendment of Second Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant (filed with the Commission as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Form 8-K filed June 13, 2003 (File No. 001-08923), and incorporated herein by reference thereto).
3.4	Certificate of Amendment of Second Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant (filed with the Commission as Exhibit 3.9 to the Registrant's Form 10-Q filed August 9, 2007 (File No. 001-08923), and incorporated herein by reference thereto).
3.5	Certificate of Amendment of Second Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant (filed with the Commission as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Form 8-K filed May 10, 2011 (File No. 001-08923), and incorporated herein by reference thereto).

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3.6	Fourth Amended and Restated By-Laws of the Registrant (filed with the Commission as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Form 8-K filed November 1, 2011 (File No. 001-08923), and incorporated herein by reference thereto).
3.7	Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Rights of Junior Participating Preferred Stock, Series A, of the Registrant (filed with the Commission as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed March 20, 2000 (File No. 001-08923), and incorporated herein by reference thereto).
3.8	Certificate of Designation of 7 7/8% Series D Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock of the Registrant (filed with the Commission as Exhibit 2.5 to the Registrant's Form 8-A/A filed July 8, 2003 (File No. 001-08923), and incorporated herein by reference thereto).
3.9	Certificate of Designation of 7 5/8% Series F Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock of the Registrant (filed with the Commission as Exhibit 2.5 to the Registrant's Form 8-A filed September 10, 2004 (File No. 001-08923), and incorporated herein by reference thereto).
3.10	Certificate of Designation of 6% Series H Cumulative Convertible and Redeemable Preferred Stock of the Registrant (filed with the Commission as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Form 10-Q filed May 10, 2011 (File No. 001-08923), and incorporated herein by reference thereto).
3.11	Certificate of Designation of 6.50% Series I Cumulative Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock of the Registrant (filed with the Commission as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Form 8-K filed March 7, 2011 (File No. 001-08923), and incorporated herein by reference thereto).
4.1	Form of Certificate of Designation of 6.50% Series J Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock of the Registrant.
4.2	Form of global certificate evidencing the 6.50% Series J Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock of the Registrant.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

Date: March 6, 2012

**HEALTH CARE REIT, INC.**

By: /s/ George L. Chapman

Name: George L. Chapman

Title: Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President