UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 1) *

THE FEMALE HEALTH COMPANY (Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK (Title of Class of Securities)

314462102 (CUSIP Number)

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with this statement []. (A fee is not required only if the filing person: (1) has a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.) (See Rule 13d-7).

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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2	CHECK THE AP	PROPRIA	TE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	(a) [_] (b) [_]
3	SEC USE ONLY			
4	CITIZENSHIP (E OF ORGANIZATION	
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Item 1. (a)	Name of Issuer:						
	The Female Health	n Company					
(b)		's Principal Executive Offices:					
	919 North Michiga Chicago, IL 60	an Avenue, Suite 2208 0611					
Item 2.							
(a)	Name of Person Filing:						
	Heartland Advisors, Inc.						
(b)) Address of Principal Business Office:						
	Heartland Advisors, Inc. 790 North Milwaukee Street						
	Milwaukee, WI 53						
(.)	Girling and in						
(C)	Citizenship:						
	Heartland Advisors is a Wisconsin corporation.						
(d)) Title of Class of Securities:						
	Common Stock						
(e)) CUSIP Number:						
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Ltem 3.	. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b),						
		ck whether the person filing is a:					
(a)	Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act.						
		ned in Section 3(a)(6) of					

(c)		Insurance company as defined in Section $3(a)(19)$ of the Act.					
(d)_		Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940.					
(e) 	X	Investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.					
(f)		Employee Benefit Plan, Pension Fund which is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or Endowment Fund; see Sec 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).					
(g)_		Parent Holding Company, in accordance with Sec 240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G) (Note: See Item 1).					
(h)_		Group, in accordance with Sec 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(H).					
Item 4. Ownership.							
		information on ownership, voting and dispositive power with respect the above listed shares, see Items 5-9 of the Cover Page.					
Item 5		Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.					
	here more	this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date eof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of e than five percent of the class of securities, check the lowing:[X]					
Item 6		Ownership of more than Five Percent on Behalf of Another					
		Person.					
	Not	Applicable.					
Item 7		ntification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the					
		urity Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.					
	Not	Applicable.					
Item 8	. Ide	ntification and Classification of Members of the Group.					
	Not	Applicable.					
Item 9		ice of Dissolution of Group.					
	Not	Applicable.					
Item 10		ertification.					

By signing below, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

DATE: January 27, 1998

HEARTLAND ADVISORS, INC.

By: PATRICK J. RETZER Patrick J. Retzer Senior Vice President/Treasurer