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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type F	Responses	5)													
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* PARRISH O B				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FEMALE HEALTH CO [FHCO]							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _X_ Director				
(Last) (First) (Middle) THE FEMALE HEALTH COMPANY, 515 NORTH STATE STREET, SUITE 2225				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/27/2004							X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chairman of the Board & CEO				
(Street)										6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
CHICAGO, IL 60610 (City) (State) (Zip)				Table I. Non Danisative Committee Associated Discount) £: . : . 11 4			
				Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposition 2A. Deemed 3. Transaction 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount											
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. TransactionDate(Month/Day/Year)			Code (Instr. 8)	(A) or Disposed of (D			f (D)	D) Beneficially Owner Reported Transacti		Following	6. Ownership Form:	of Indirect Beneficial
			(Month/Day/Y	(ear)	C- 1-	3.7	A	(A) or		(Instr. 3 and 4)			Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share		01/27/2004			Code	V	50,000	<u> </u>	Price \$ 0	172,900			(Instr. 4) D (1)		
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				Code	V ((A) (D)			Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
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	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
PARRISH O B THE FEMALE HEALTH COMPANY 515 NORTH STATE STREET, SUITE 2225 CHICAGO, IL 60610	X		Chairman of the Board & CEO				

Signatures

James M. Bedore, Attorney-in-fact	09/14/2004
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The reporting person also is deemed to indirectly own 233,501 shares held by Phoenix Health Care of Illinois, Inc. ("Phoenix"), of which the reporting person is an officer, director and shareholder. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership in the shares held by Phoenix except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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