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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)	<u>.</u>										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] – BETHUNE DAVID R	1	2. Issuer Name and FEMALE HEAL					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) THE FEMALE HEALTH COMPAN NORTH STATE STREET, SUITE 22	Y, 515	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/08/2013					Officer (give title below)Oth	er (specify belo	w)		
(Street) CHICAGO, IL 60654		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City) (State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acq						uired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	ion	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		of (D)	Owned Following Reported Ownership Transaction(s) Form:		Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	05/08/2013		М		6,250	А	\$ 3.92	183,665	D		
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	05/08/2013		F ⁽¹⁾		3,032	D	\$ 8.08	180,633	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

	(<i>e.g.</i> , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)														
1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transact								8. Price of Derivative	9. Number of Derivative	10. Ownership	11. Nature of Indirect
		(Month/Day/Year)		Code			vative	(Month/Day/Year)							Beneficial
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						and	5)								
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								Date	Expiration		or				
								Exercisable	Date	Title	Number				
				a 1							of				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)				Shares				
Common Stock Option	\$ 3.92	05/08/2013		М			6,250	06/29/2009 ⁽²⁾	06/29/2019	Common Stock	6,250	\$ 0	0	D	

Reporting Owners

	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BETHUNE DAVID R THE FEMALE HEALTH COMPANY 515 NORTH STATE STREET, SUITE 2225 CHICAGO, IL 60654	Х						

Signatures

/s/ James M. Bedore, Attorney-in-fact	05/10/2013
**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) Pursuant to a cashless option exercise program, the reporting person surrendered to The Female Health Company ("FHCO") the requisite number of shares subject to the option to pay the exercise price based on the market price of FHCO common stock on the trading day immediately preceding the date of exercise which was \$8.08 per share.
- (2) Options for one thirty-sixth of the shares vest on the 29th of each month for the 36-month period commencing on June 29, 2009 and ending on May 29, 2012.

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