

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>KUTINSKY BRUCE</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1925 WEST FIELD COURT SUITE 300</u> (Street) <u>LAKE FOREST IL 60045</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AKORN INC [AKRX]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Operating Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/03/2017</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	08/03/2017		M		100,000	A	\$13.35	317,480	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2017 ⁽¹⁾		S		40,000	D	\$33.46 ⁽²⁾	277,480	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2017 ⁽³⁾		F		25,541	D	\$33.45 ⁽⁴⁾	251,939 ⁽⁵⁾	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$13.35	08/03/2017		M		100,000	(6)	08/03/2017	Common Stock 100,000	\$0.00	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Proceeds from the sale were used to pay the exercise price for this option exercise.
2. Represents the weighted average sale price of the shares sold. The shares were sold at prices ranging from \$33.41 to \$33.51. Upon request, the reporting person will provide to the SEC staff full information regarding the number of shares sold at separate prices within the foregoing range.
3. The shares were withheld for the payment of the taxes due upon exercise of the options.
4. Equals the closing market price of Akorn common stock on August 3, 2017.
5. Following the reported transaction, the amount of shares beneficially owned consists of 55,203 unvested RSUs and 196,736 shares owned outright.
6. The stock options vested in four equal installments of 25,000 each on August 3, 2013, August 3, 2014, August 3, 2015 and August 3, 2016.

/s/ Joseph Bonaccorsi,
Attorney-in-Fact

08/07/2017

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* 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).

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