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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

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <u>KAPOOR JOHN N</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1925 WEST FIELD COURT SUITE 300</u>  (Street) <u>LAKE FOREST IL 60045</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> <u>AKORN INC [ AKRX ]</u>	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	<b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)</b> <u>05/04/2017</u>	
<b>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>		

**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	05/04/2017		A		8,088 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$0.00	513,479	D <sup>(2)</sup>	
Common Stock								4,907,524	I	By Trust <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock								15,050,000	I	Indirect Managing General Partner <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock								2,970,644	I	Indirect Managing General Partner <sup>(5)</sup>
Common Stock								3,590,445	I	Indirect Managing General Partner <sup>(6)</sup>
Common Stock								4,427,462	I	By Trusts <sup>(7)</sup>

**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	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The securities acquired are Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) scheduled to vest in four equal installments on May 4, 2018, May 4, 2019, May 4, 2020 and May 4, 2021. Following the reported transaction, the amount of shares beneficially owned includes 11,583 unvested shares subject to RSUs and 501,896 shares owned outright.
- These securities are beneficially owned by John N. Kapoor, Ph.D., who is a member of a "group" with Akorn Holdings, L.P. for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act.
- Shares held by the John N. Kapoor Trust dated September 20, 1989, of which Dr. Kapoor is sole trustee and beneficiary.
- Shares held by Akorn Holdings, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, of which Dr. Kapoor is the indirect managing general partner. Dr. Kapoor disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his actual pecuniary interest therein.

5. Shares held by EJ Financial / Akorn Management L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, of which Dr. Kapoor is the indirect managing general partner. Dr. Kapoor disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his actual pecuniary interest therein.

6. Shares held by EJ Funds LP, a Delaware limited partnership, of which Dr. Kapoor is the indirect managing general partner. Dr. Kapoor disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his actual pecuniary interest therein.

7. Shares held through several trusts, the trustee of which is employed by a company controlled by Dr. Kapoor and the beneficiaries of which include Dr. Kapoor's children and various other family members. Dr. Kapoor disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his actual pecuniary interest therein.

/s/ Joseph Bonaccorsi,  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/05/2017

\*\* 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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