

FORM 4

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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>Boothe Douglas</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O AKORN, INC.</u> <u>1925 W. 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>President and CEO</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/08/2019</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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 ⁽¹⁾	01/08/2019		A		507,614	A	\$0	507,614	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	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$3.94	01/08/2019		A		405,938		(2)	01/08/2029	Common Stock	405,938	\$0	405,938	D	
Performance Share Units	(3)	01/08/2019		A		253,807		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	253,807	\$0	253,807	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The securities acquired are Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) scheduled to vest in four equal installments on January 8, 2020, January 8, 2021, January 8, 2022 and January 8, 2023.
- The Stock Options vest in four equal installments on January 8, 2020, January 8, 2021, January 8, 2022 and January 8, 2023.
- Each Performance Share Unit (PSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of Akorn common stock. The PSUs will vest at the end of a four-year performance period on January 7, 2023 at between 0% and 300% of target based upon the achievement of a specified price of Akorn's common stock (from \$8 to \$20), subject to continued service through the date of settlement.

/s/ Joseph Bonaccorsi, 01/08/2019
Attorney-in-Fact

** 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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