FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>GELLERT MICHAEL E</u>					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [ APLS ]										Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director X 10% Owner						
(Last) 750 THI	Last) (First) (Middle) 750 THIRD AVENUE, SUITE 3300					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/13/2017										Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	pecify	
	NEW YORK NY 10017				4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Line)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans				actio				3. Transaction Code (Instr.			4. Securi	ities Acqu d Of (D) (II	ired (A	A) or	5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F	s Illy ollowing	Form (D) o	: Direct Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									[	Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 11				11/13	3/20	3/2017				С		798,0	68	<b>A</b> (1)		943	3,989		D		
			Table II -					es Acq arrants								Owned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day/	ate, Tr	ransa ode (I	ansaction ode (Instr.		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		ate Exe iration I nth/Day	Date	of Securities		ities ng e Sec		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported	e s Ily J	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)	
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Series A Preferred Stock	(1)	11/13/2017			С			600,000		(1)		(1)	Commor Stock	28	1,293	\$0.00	0		D		
Series B Preferred Stock	(1)	11/13/2017			С			545,454		(1)		(1)	Commor Stock	25	5,721	\$0.00	0		D		
Series C Preferred	(1)	11/13/2017			С			556,830		(1)		(1)	Commor Stock	26	1,054	\$0.00	0		D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The Series A, Series B and Series C Preferred Stock converted into Common Stock on a 2.133-for-one basis upon the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering without payment of consideration. The Series A, Series B and Series C Preferred Stock were convertible at any time at the holder's election and automatically upon the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering. The shares had no expiration date.

## Remarks:

11/13/2017 /s/ Michael E. Gellert

\*\* 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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