FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Chopas James George						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [ APLS ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issue (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner					
(Last)	st) (First) (Middle)  O APELLIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/16/2024								below)	er (give title v) Chief Accour		Other (s below) ng Office	. ,	
100 FIFTH AVENUE, 3RD FLOOR						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) WALTHAM MA 02451														_	iled by Mor		orting Person One Repo		
(City) (State) (Zip)						Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication  Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to													
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		Tab	le I - N	on-Deri	ivativ	e Se	curities	s Ac	quired	, Di	sposed o	f, or Be	neficiall	y Owned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transacti Date (Month/Day.						Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquire Disposed Of (D) (Instr				Benefici Owned I	rities F ficially (I ed Following (I		n: Direct r Indirect sstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reporte Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 01/16/2						024		Α		8,312(1)	A	\$0	40	40,992		D			
Common Stock 01/16/20					/2024	024			S <sup>(2)</sup>		864	D	\$66.808	36 40	,128		D		
			Table II								posed of, convertil			Owned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	e (Month/Day/Year	3A. Deer Execution if any (Month/E	n Date, Transa					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 (Instr. 4)	e s lly	Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa	ble	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$66.3	01/16/2024			A		12,086		(3)		01/15/2034	Common Stock	12,086	\$66.3	12,080	6	D		

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. This represents an award of Restricted Stock Units granted 01/16/2024 that vests annually from grant date over a four year period subject to continued service.
- $2.\ This\ represents\ shares\ sold\ to\ cover\ tax\ withholding\ on\ the\ Restricted\ Stock\ Units\ released\ on\ 01/12/2024.$
- 3. This represents a stock option award granted 01/16/2024 that vests over a four year period. 25% vests one year from grant date and the remaining 75% vests monthly thereafter subject to continued service.

/s/ David Watson, attorney-infact for James Chopas 01/17/2024

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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