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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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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>Watson David O.</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O APPELLIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC 100 FIFTH AVENUE, 3RD FLOOR  (Street) WALTHAM MA 02451  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [ APLS ]</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) <b>General Counsel</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/22/2024	
	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	01/22/2024		s <sup>(1)</sup>		4,184	D	\$64.996	105,077	D	
Common Stock								3,333	I <sup>(2)</sup>	Indirect Owner (Custodial Account for Son)
Common Stock								80,705	I <sup>(3)</sup>	Indirect Owner (The David O. Watson Irrevocable Trust of 2023)
Common Stock								6,667	I <sup>(4)</sup>	Indirect Owner (The Watson Education Trust)

**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:**

- This represents shares sold to cover tax withholding on the Restricted Stock Units released on 01/19/2024.
- This represents a custodial account held by the reporting person for the sole benefit of his minor son.
- The securities are held by The David O. Watson Irrevocable Trust of 2023. William Zorn is the trustee of The David O. Watson Irrevocable Trust of 2023. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership over the shares held by The David O. Watson Irrevocable Trust of 2023 except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- The securities are held by The Watson Education Trust (the "Trust"), for which the reporting person serves as trustee. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership over the shares held by the Trust except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

David Watson

01/23/2024

\*\* 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

