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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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>GELLERT MICHAEL E</u>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 11/08/2017	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [ APLS ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(Last) (First) (Middle) 750 THIRD AVENUE, SUITE 3300			
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(City) (State) (Zip)			

## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	145,921	D	

## Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Series A Preferred Stock	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	281,293	(1)	D
Series B Preferred Stock	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	255,721	(1)	D
Series C Preferred Stock	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	261,054	(1)	D

## Explanation of Responses:

1. The Series A, Series B and Series C Preferred Stock are convertible into Common Stock on a 2.133-for-one basis into the number of shares of Common Stock shown in column 3 at any time at the holder's election and automatically upon the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering without payment of further consideration. The shares have no expiration date.

## Remarks:

/s/ Michael E. Gellert

11/08/2017

\*\* 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 5 (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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