

AKORN INC  
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# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
KAPOOR JOHN N

(Last) (First) (Middle)

225 EAST DEERPATH  
ROAD, SUITE 250

(Street)

LAKE FOREST, IL 60045

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AKORN INC [AKN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/17/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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### 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	03/17/2006		M	500,000 A \$ 2.25	646,024 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	03/17/2006		F	243,506 D \$ 4.62	402,518 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					3,273,976 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	See footnote <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock					17,234,097	I	See footnote <sup>(1)</sup>
					63,600	I	

Common  
Stock

See  
footnote  
(2)

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

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.25	03/17/2006		M	500,000	03/29/2001 03/29/2006	Common Stock	500,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KAPOOR JOHN N 225 EAST DEERPATH ROAD SUITE 250 LAKE FOREST, IL 60045	X	X		

## Signatures

/s/ John N. Kapoor  
03/20/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person  
Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) Held by the John N. Kapoor Trust dated September 20, 1989 of which John N. Kapoor is trustee and sole beneficiary.
- (2) Common stock held in various trusts and limited partnership's; reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership except to the extent of his pecuniary interest.

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(3) Includes distribution of 106,708 shares from EJ Financial/Akorn Management, L.P. to John N. Kapoor - exempt under Rule 16a-13.

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