IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:)	Chapter 11
AKORN, INC., et al.,1)	Case No. 20-11177 ()
	Debtors.)	(Joint Administration Requested)

DEBTORS' MOTION SEEKING ENTRY OF INTERIM AND FINAL ORDERS (I) APPROVING NOTIFICATION AND HEARING PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN TRANSFERS OF AND DECLARATIONS OF WORTHLESSNESS WITH RESPECT TO COMMON STOCK AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

The above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") respectfully state as follows in support of this motion:²

Relief Requested

The Debtors seek entry of interim and final orders, substantially in the forms 1. attached hereto as Exhibit A and Exhibit B: (a) approving certain notification and hearing procedures related to certain transfers of, or declarations of worthlessness with respect to, Debtor

A detailed description of the Debtors and their business, and the facts and circumstances supporting the Debtors' chapter 11 cases, are set forth in greater detail in the Declaration of Duane Portwood in Support of Debtors' Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Motions (the "First Day Declaration"), filed contemporaneously with the Debtors' voluntary petitions for relief filed under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), on May 20, 2020 (the "Petition Date"). Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this motion shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the First Day Declaration.



The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, if any, are: Akorn, Inc. (7400); 10 Edison Street LLC (7890); 13 Edison Street LLC; Advanced Vision Research, Inc. (9046); Akorn (New Jersey), Inc. (1474); Akorn Animal Health, Inc. (6645); Akorn Ophthalmics, Inc. (6266); Akorn Sales, Inc. (7866); Clover Pharmaceuticals Corp. (3735); Covenant Pharma, Inc. (0115); Hi-Tech Pharmacal Co., Inc. (8720); Inspire Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (9022); Oak Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (6647); Olta Pharmaceuticals Corp. (3621); VersaPharm Incorporated (6739); VPI Holdings Corp. (6716); and VPI Holdings Sub, LLC. The location of the Debtors' service address is: 1925 W. Field Court, Suite 300, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045.

Akorn, Inc.'s existing common stock or any Beneficial Ownership³ therein (any such record or Beneficial Ownership of common stock, the "Common Stock"),⁴ as detailed in **Exhibit 1** to the Interim Order and Final Order (the "Procedures"), (b) directing that any purchase, sale, other transfer of, or declaration of worthlessness with respect to Common Stock in violation of the Procedures shall be null and void *ab initio*, and (c) granting related relief. In addition, the Debtors request that the Court schedule a final hearing within approximately 25 days of the Petition Date to consider entry of the Final Order.

Jurisdiction and Venue

2. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012. The Debtors confirm their consent, pursuant to rule 7008 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), and Rule 9013-1(f) of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Local Rules"), to the entry of a final order by the Court in connection with this motion to the extent that it is later determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot

[&]quot;Beneficial Ownership" will be determined in accordance with the applicable rules of sections 382 and 383 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. §§ 1–9834 as amended (the "IRC"), and the Treasury Regulations thereunder (other than Treasury Regulations Section 1.382-2T(h)(2)(i)(A)), and includes direct, indirect, and constructive ownership (e.g., (1) a holding company would be considered to beneficially own all equity securities owned by its subsidiaries, (2) a partner in a partnership would be considered to beneficially own its proportionate share of any equity securities owned by such partnership, (3) an individual and such individual's family members may be treated as one individual, (4) persons and entities acting in concert to make a coordinated acquisition of equity securities may be treated as a single entity, and (5) a holder would be considered to beneficially own equity securities that such holder has an Option to acquire). An "Option" to acquire stock includes all interests described in Treasury Regulations Section 1.382-4(d)(9), including any contingent purchase right, warrant, convertible debt, put, call, stock subject to risk of forfeiture, contract to acquire stock, or similar interest, regardless of whether it is contingent or otherwise not currently exercisable.

For the avoidance of doubt, the definition of Common Stock shall not include any securities issued in connection with a chapter 11 plan of reorganization of the Debtors.

enter final orders or judgments in connection herewith consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.

- 3. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 4. The statutory bases for the relief requested herein are sections 362 and 541 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 3002 and 9014, and Local Rule 9013-1(m).

Background

- 5. Akorn, Inc., together with its Debtor and non-Debtor subsidiaries (collectively, "Akorn") is a specialty pharmaceutical company that develops, manufactures, and markets generic and branded prescription pharmaceuticals, branded as well as private-label over-the-counter consumer health products, and animal health pharmaceuticals. Akorn is an industry leader in the development, manufacturing, and marketing of specialized generic pharmaceutical products in alternative dosage forms. Headquartered in Lake Forest, Illinois, Akorn has approximately 2,180 employees worldwide and maintains a global manufacturing presence, with pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities located in Illinois, New Jersey, New York, Switzerland, and India. Akorn's operations generated approximately \$682 million in revenue and approximately \$124 million of Adjusted EBITDA in 2019. The Debtors commenced these chapter 11 cases to conduct an orderly sale process that will position the Debtors for sustained future success by right-sizing their balance sheet and addressing their litigation overhangs.
- 6. On the Petition Date, each of the Debtors filed a voluntary petition with the Court under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors and debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. Concurrently with the filing of this motion, the Debtors have requested procedural consolidation and joint administration of these chapter 11 cases pursuant to Bankruptcy

Rule 1015(b). No party has requested the appointment of a trustee or examiner in these chapter 11 cases, and no committees have been appointed or designated.

The Tax Attributes

- 7. A company generates a variety of tax attributes under various circumstances. The most common example of such tax attributes are net operating losses ("NOLs"), which occur when the operating expenses incurred by a company exceed the revenues it has earned during a single tax year. A company may apply, or "carry forward," NOLs to reduce future tax payments (subject to certain conditions as discussed below).⁵ See 26 U.S.C. §§ 39, 172. Another common example example of tax attributes are deferred interest deductions, which can also be carried forward for potential use in the future ("163(j) Carryforwards"). See 26 U.S.C. § 163(j).
- 8. As of December 31, 2019, the Debtors estimate that they had approximately \$220 million of disallowed interest carryforwards and a relatively small amount of NOL carryforwards (collectively, and together with state and certain other tax attributes, the "<u>Tax Attributes</u>").⁶ The Debtors currently anticipate that additional Tax Attributes may be generated in 2020, including during these chapter 11 cases. The Tax Attributes are potentially of significant value to the Debtors and their estates because the Debtors may utilize the Tax Attributes to offset taxable income or federal tax liability generated by transactions consummated during these chapter 11 cases or in the future. Accordingly, the value of the Tax Attributes will inure to the benefit of all of the Debtors' stakeholders.

In addition, under certain circumstances, certain NOLs may be "carried back" to offset taxable income in prior years. The specific rules regarding carrybacks and carryforwards depend on when a particular NOL was generated. *See* 26 U.S.C. § 172.

These estimates account for an expectation that the Debtors will file a request to "carry back" the majority of their NOLs under recently-enacted legislation.

I. An "Ownership Change" May Negatively Impact the Debtors' Utilization of the Tax Attributes.

9. Sections 382 and 383 of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") limit the amount of taxable income and tax liability, respectively, that can be offset by a corporation's tax attributes in taxable years (or portions thereof) following an "ownership change." Generally, an "ownership change" occurs if the percentage (by value) of the stock of a corporation owned by one or more five-percent shareholders has increased by more than 50 percentage points over the lowest percentage of stock owned by such shareholders at any time during the three-year testing period ending on the date of the ownership change. The total percentage point increases of stock owned by one or more five-percent shareholders within the measuring period is generally referred to as the amount of the "ownership shift." For example, an ownership change would occur in the following situation:

An individual ("A") owns 50.1 percent of the stock of corporation XYZ. A sells her 50.1 percent interest to another individual ("B"), who owns 5 percent of XYZ's stock. Under section 382, an ownership change has occurred because B's interest in XYZ has increased more than 50 percentage points (from 5 percent to 55.1 percent) during the testing period. The same result would follow even if B owned no XYZ stock prior to the transaction with A because B both becomes a 5-percent shareholder and increases his ownership by more than 50 percentage points during the testing period.

10. An "ownership change" can also occur as a result of a "worthless stock deduction" claimed by any "50-percent shareholder." A 50-percent shareholder is any person that owned 50 percent or more of a corporation's stock "at any time during the 3-year period ending on the last day of the taxable year" with respect to which the worthless stock deduction is claimed. IRC § 382(g)(4)(D). If the 50-percent shareholder still owns the corporation's stock at the end of the taxable year, sections 382 and 383 of the IRC essentially treat the person as newly-purchasing the stock on the first day of the next taxable year. For example, if a person with 50 percent of a

corporation's stock claims a worthless stock deduction in 2018 (or with respect to the 2018 taxable year) but did not sell such stock in 2018, that person is treated as (a) not having owned the stock at the end of 2018 and (b) having purchased the stock on the first day of the 2019 taxable year. That deemed purchase would cause an ownership change, because the 50-percent shareholder would be deemed to have a 50 percentage point increase in its stock ownership. Notably, while the seminal case of *Official Comm. of Unsecured Creditors v. PSS S.S. Co. (In re Prudential Lines Inc.)*, 928 F.2d 565, 573 (2d Cir. 1991) is generally relied upon to support equity trading motions in general, the specific issue in *Prudential Lines* was, in fact, a worthless stock deduction.

11. If an ownership change occurs, section 382 of the IRC limits the amount of a corporation's future income that may be offset by its "pre-change losses," and section 383 of the IRC limits the amount of a corporation's future tax liability that may be offset by its "excess credits," in each case, to an annual amount based on the fair market value of all of the stock of the corporation prior to the ownership change multiplied by the long-term tax exempt rate that applies to the month of the ownership change. See IRC §§ 382(b) and 383(a). Pre-change losses and excess credits include the Debtors' Tax Attributes and any "realized built-in loss" (as defined in section 382(h)(3) of the IRC). Once a Tax Attribute or other pre-change loss is limited under section 382 or 383 of the IRC, its use is limited forever (for items other than realized built-in losses). Thus, certain transfers of Common Stock effected before the effective date of the

The applicable long-term tax exempt rate changes from month to month. For ownership changes occurring in May 2020, the applicable long term tax-exempt rate is 1.47 percent.

Whether "realized built in losses" are subject to limitation is a complex issue that depends, among other things, on whether the company has a "net unrealized built-in loss" when the ownership change occurs. A net unrealized built-in loss is equal to the excess of the aggregate adjusted basis of all of a corporation's applicable assets over their fair market value (as determined for purposes of section 382 of the IRC) immediately prior to the ownership change. IRC § 382(h)(1)(B).

Realized built-in losses arising within five years of an "ownership change" are subject to permanent limitation, but realized built-in losses arising outside of that five-year period are not subject to limitation.

Debtors' emergence from chapter 11 protection may trigger an "ownership change" for IRC purposes, severely endangering the Debtors' ability to utilize the Tax Attributes, and causing substantial damage to the Debtors' estates. Likewise, if a 50-percent or greater shareholder of the Debtors were to treat its Common Stock as having become worthless prior to the Debtors' emergence from chapter 11 protection, such a claim could trigger an ownership change under section 382(g)(4)(D) of the IRC, thus inhibiting the Debtors' ability to use the Tax Attributes.

- 12. Notably, the Debtors have limited the relief requested herein to the extent necessary to preserve estate value. Specifically, the proposed Interim Order and Final Order will affect only (a) holders of the equivalent of more than 6,003,208 shares of Common Stock¹⁰ (*i.e.*, 4.5 percent or more of outstanding Common Stock); (b) parties who are interested in purchasing sufficient Common Stock to result in such party becoming a holder of 4.5 percent or more of outstanding Common Stock; and (c) any "50-percent shareholder" seeking to claim a worthless stock deduction.
- 13. To maximize the use of the Tax Attributes and enhance recoveries for the Debtors' stakeholders, the Debtors seek limited relief that will enable them to closely monitor certain transfers of Common Stock and certain worthless stock deductions with respect to Common Stock so as to be in a position to act expeditiously to prevent such transfers or worthlessness deductions, if necessary, with the purpose of preserving the Tax Attributes. By establishing and implementing such Procedures, the Debtors will be in a position to object to "ownership changes" that threaten their ability to preserve the value of their Tax Attributes for the benefit of the estates.

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Based on approximately 133,404,613 shares of Common Stock outstanding for purposes of section 382 of the IRC as of the Petition Date.

II. Proposed Procedures for Transfers of or Declarations of Worthlessness with Respect to Common Stock.

14. The Procedures are the mechanism by which the Debtors propose that they will monitor and, if necessary, object to certain transfers of Common Stock and declarations of worthlessness with respect to Common Stock to ensure preservation of the Tax Attributes. The Procedures, which are fully set forth in **Exhibit 1** to the Interim Order and Final Order, are summarized below.¹¹

Procedures for Transfers of Common Stock

a. Any person or entity that (i) is a Substantial Shareholder¹² and (ii) wishes to effectuate a transfer of Common Stock that would (A) affect the size of a Substantial Shareholder's Beneficial Ownership, or (B) would result in another entity or individual becoming or ceasing to be a Substantial Shareholder, must file with the Court and serve upon (i) the Debtors, Akorn, Inc., 1925 W. Field Court, Suite 300, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045 Attn: Joseph Bonaccorsi; (ii) proposed counsel to the Debtors, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 300 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60654, Attn: Patrick J. Nash, Jr., P.C., Gregory F. Pesce, and Christopher M. Hayes, and Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attn: Nicole L. Greenblatt, P.C.; (iii) proposed co-counsel to the Debtors, Richards, Layton & Finger P.A., 920 N. King Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn: Paul N. Heath; (iv) the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Lockbox 35, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn: Jane Leamy; and (v) counsel to any statutory committee appointed in these chapter 11 cases; (collectively, the "Notice Parties") a declaration of such status, substantially in the form annexed to the Procedures as Exhibit 1A (each, a "Declaration of Status as a Substantial Shareholder"), on or before the later of (1) twenty (20) calendar days after the date of the Notice of Interim Order, and (2) ten (10) calendar days after becoming a Substantial Shareholder; provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, the other procedures set forth herein shall apply to any

Capitalized terms used in this section but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Procedures. To the extent that this summary and the terms of the Procedures are inconsistent, the terms of the Procedures control.

For purposes of these Procedures, a "<u>Substantial Shareholder</u>" is any entity or individual that has Beneficial Ownership of approximately at least 6,003,208 shares of Common Stock (representing approximately 4.5 percent of all issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock, based on approximately 133,404,613 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of the Petition Date).

- Substantial Shareholder even if no Declaration of Status as a Substantial Shareholder has been filed.
- b. Prior to effectuating any transfer of Common Stock that would (i) affect the size of a Substantial Shareholder's Beneficial Ownership, or (ii) would result in another entity or individual becoming or ceasing to be a Substantial Shareholder, the parties to such transaction must file with the Court, and serve upon the Notice Parties, an advance written declaration of the intended transfer of Common Stock, substantially in the form annexed to the Procedures as **Exhibit 1B** (each, a "Declaration of Intent to Accumulate Common Stock").
- c. Prior to effectuating any transfer of Common Stock that would (i) affect the size of a Substantial Shareholder's Beneficial Ownership, or (ii) would result in another entity or individual becoming or ceasing to be a Substantial Shareholder, the parties to such transaction must file with the Court, and serve upon the Notice Parties (as defined herein), an advance written declaration of the intended transfer of Common Stock, substantially in the form annexed to the Procedures as Exhibit 1C (each, a "Declaration of Intent to Transfer Common Stock," and together with a Declaration of Intent to Accumulate Common Stock, each a "Declaration of Proposed Transfer").
- d. The Debtors shall have fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of a Declaration of Proposed Transfer to file with the Court and serve on such Substantial Shareholder or potential Substantial Shareholder an objection to any proposed transfer of Common Stock described in the Declaration of Proposed Transfer on the grounds that such transfer might adversely affect the Debtors' ability to utilize their Tax Attributes.
 - i. If the Debtors timely object, the proposed transaction will remain ineffective unless such objection is withdrawn by the Debtors, or such transaction is approved by a final and nonappealable order of the Court.
 - ii. If the Debtors do not object, the proposed transaction may proceed solely as set forth in the Declaration of Proposed Transfer. Further transactions within the scope of these procedures must be the subject of additional notices in accordance with the procedures set forth herein, with an additional fifteen-day (15) waiting period for each Declaration of Proposed Transfer.

Procedures for Declarations of Worthlessness of Common Stock

- a. Any person or entity that currently is or becomes a 50-Percent Shareholder¹³ must file with the Court and serve upon the Notice Parties a declaration of such status as a 50-Percent Shareholder, substantially in the form annexed to the Procedures as **Exhibit 1D** (each, a "Declaration of Status as a 50-Percent Shareholder"), on or before the later of (i) twenty (20) calendar days after the date of the Notice of Interim Order and (ii) ten (10) calendar days after becoming a 50-Percent Shareholder; *provided* that, for the avoidance of doubt, the other procedures set forth herein shall apply to any 50-Percent Shareholder even if no Declaration of Status as a 50-Percent Shareholder has been filed.
- b. Prior to filing any federal or state tax return, or any amendment to such a return, or taking any other action that claims any deduction for worthlessness of Common Stock for a tax year ending before the Debtors' emergence from chapter 11 protection, such 50-Percent Shareholder must file with the Court and serve upon the Notice Parties a declaration of intent to claim a worthless stock deduction, substantially in the form annexed to the Procedures as **Exhibit 1E** (each, a "Declaration of Intent to Claim a Worthless Stock Deduction").
- c. The Debtors shall have fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of a Declaration of Intent to Claim a Worthless Stock Deduction to file with the Court and serve on such 50-Percent Shareholder an objection to any proposed claim of worthlessness described in the Declaration of Intent to Claim a Worthless Stock Deduction on the grounds that such claim might adversely affect the Debtors' ability to utilize their Tax Attributes.
 - i. If the Debtors timely object, the filing of the tax return or amendment thereto with such claim will not be permitted unless approved by a final and non-appealable order of the Court, unless the Debtors withdraw such objection.
 - ii. If the Debtors do not object, the filing of the return or amendment with such claim will be permitted solely as described in the Declaration of Intent to Claim a Worthless Stock Deduction. Additional returns and amendments within the scope of these procedures must be the subject of additional notices as set forth herein, with an additional fifteen-day (15) waiting period. To the extent that the Debtors receive an appropriate Declaration of Intent to Claim a Worthless Stock Deduction and determine in their

For purposes of the Procedures, a "<u>50-Percent Shareholder</u>" is any person or entity that at any time since December 31, 2015 has owned Beneficial Ownership of 50 percent or more of the Common Stock of the Debtors (determined in accordance with section 382(g)(4)(D) of the IRC and the applicable Treasury Regulations thereunder).

business judgment not to object, they shall provide notice of that decision as soon as is reasonably practicable to any statutory committee(s) appointed in these chapter 11 cases.

Notice Procedures

- a. No later than two business days following entry of the Interim Order, the Debtors shall serve by first class mail the notice, substantially in the form of **Exhibit 1F** attached to these Procedures (the "Notice of Interim Order"), on: (i) the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Lockbox 35, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn: Jane Leamy; (ii) counsel to any statutory committee appointed in these chapter 11 cases; and (iii) the registered and nominee holders of the Common Stock (with instructions to serve down to the beneficial holders of the Common Stock, as applicable). Additionally, no later than two (2) business days following entry of the Final Order, the Debtors shall serve a Notice of Interim Order modified to reflect that the final order has been entered (as modified, the "Notice of Final Order") on the same entities that received the Notice of Interim Order.
- b. All registered and nominee holders of Common Stock shall be required to serve the Notice of Interim Order or Notice of Final Order, as applicable, on any holder for whose benefit such registered or nominee holder holds such Common Stock down the chain of ownership for all such holders of Common Stock.
- c. Any entity or individual, or broker or agent acting on such entity's or individual's behalf, who sells Common Stock to another entity or individual shall be required to serve a copy of the Notice of Interim Order or Notice of Final Order, as applicable, on such purchaser of such Common Stock, or any broker or agent acting on such purchaser's behalf.
- d. To the extent confidential information is required in any declaration described in these Procedures, such confidential information may be filed and served in redacted form; *provided* that any such declarations served on the Debtors *shall not* be in redacted form. The Debtors shall keep all information provided in such declarations strictly confidential and shall not disclose the contents thereof to any person except to the extent (i) necessary to respond to a petition or objection filed with the Court, (ii) otherwise required by law, or (iii) that the information contained therein is already public; *provided* that the Debtors may disclose the contents thereof to their professional advisors, who shall keep all such notices strictly confidential and shall not disclose the contents thereof to any other person, subject to further Court order. To the extent confidential information is necessary to respond to a petitioner objection filed with the Court, such confidential information shall be filed under seal or in a redacted form.

Basis for Relief

- 15. Section 541 of the Bankruptcy Code provides that property of the estate comprises, among other things, "all legal or equitable interests of the debtor in property as of the commencement of the case." 11 U.S.C. § 541(a)(1). The Tax Attributes are property of the Debtors' estates. Prudential Lines Inc., 928 F.2d 565, 573 (2d Cir. 1991) ("We hold that the right to a carryforward attributable to its . . . NOL was property of [the debtor's] bankruptcy estate."), cert. denied, 502 U.S. 821 (1991); In re Delta Air Lines, Inc., No. 05-17923 (PCB) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Dec. 19, 2005) (finding that NOLs are property of the debtors' estates); Nisselson v. Drew Indus., Inc. (In re White Metal Rolling & Stamping Corp.), 222 B.R. 417, 424 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1998) (same); Official Comm. of Unsecured Creditors v. Forman (In re Forman Enters Inc.), 273 B.R. 408, 415 (Bankr. W.D. Pa. 2002) (same). Moreover, section 362(a)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code stays "any act [of a person or entity] to obtain possession of property of the estate or of property from the estate or to exercise control over property of the estate." 11 U.S.C. § 362(a)(3). Accordingly, any act of a holder of a debtor's equity securities that causes the termination or limits use of the NOLs violates the automatic stay. See, e.g., Prudential Lines, 928 F.2d at 574 (holding that causing the termination of or adversely affecting the value of a debtor's NOL violates the automatic stay); In re Phar-Mor, Inc., 152 B.R. 924, 927 (Bankr. N.D. Ohio 1993) ("the sale of stock is prohibited by § 362(a)(3) as an exercise of control over the NOL, which is property of the estate.").
- 16. Implementation of the Procedures is necessary and appropriate to enforce the automatic stay and, critically, to preserve the value of the Tax Attributes for the benefit of the Debtors' estates. Under sections 382 and 383 of the IRC, certain transfers of or declarations of worthlessness with respect to Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock prior to the consummation of a chapter 11 plan could cause the termination or limit the use of the Tax Attributes. The

Tax Attributes described above may be necessary to minimize or eliminate potential tax consequences resulting from the implementation of the transactions contemplated by these chapter 11 cases. The termination or limitation of the Tax Attributes could be materially detrimental to all parties-in-interest. Thus, granting the relief requested herein will preserve the Debtors' flexibility in operating their business during the pendency of these chapter 11 cases and also implementing an exit plan that makes full and efficient use of the Tax Attributes, maximizing the value of their estates.

- 17. Additionally, the Procedures do not bar all transfers of or declarations of worthlessness with respect to Common Stock. The Debtors seek to establish procedures only to monitor those types of transactions that would pose a serious risk under the ownership change test pursuant to sections 382 and 383 of the IRC and to preserve the Debtors' ability to seek substantive relief if it appears that a proposed transfer or declaration of worthlessness could jeopardize the Debtors' utilization of the Tax Attributes. Because of the Tax Attributes' importance to the Debtors' restructuring, and thus all parties-in-interest, the benefits of implementing the Procedures outweighs subjecting a limited number of transfers to the Procedures.
- 18. The importance of restricting transfers of equity interests and declarations of worthlessness with respect to beneficial interests of a debtor's stock, or instituting notice procedures regarding proposed transfers and declarations of worthlessness, to protect a debtor against the possible loss of its tax attributes has been repeatedly recognized by courts in this district, and such courts have granted relief similar to the relief requested herein. *See, e.g., In re Longview Power, LLC*, No. 20-10951 (BLS) (Bankr. D. Del. May 18, 2020) (approving notification procedures and restricting certain transfers of the debtor's equity interests on a final basis); *In re Clover Techs. Grp., LLC*, No. 19-12680 (KBO) (Bankr. D. Del. Jan. 21, 2020) (same);

In re Anna Holdings Inc., No. 19-12551 (CSS) (Bankr. D. Del. Dec. 3, 2019) (approving notification procedures and restricting certain transfers of the debtor's equity interests on an interim basis); *In re Destination Maternity Corp.*, No. 19-12256 (BLS) (Bankr. D. Del. Nov. 12, 2019) (approving notification procedures and restricting certain transfers of the debtor's equity interests on a final basis); *In re Things Remembered, Inc.*, (No. 19-10234) (KG) (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 26, 2019) (same). 14

The Requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6003 Are Satisfied

19. Bankruptcy Rule 6003 empowers a court to grant relief within the first twenty-one days after the Petition Date "to the extent that relief is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm." Authorizing the Debtors to implement certain protective procedures related to certain transfers of, or declarations of worthlessness with respect to, Debtor's existing common stock or any Beneficial Ownership therein, and granting the other relief requested herein, is integral to the Debtors' ability to maintain the value of their estate postpetition. Failure to receive the requested relief immediately would expose the Debtors to significant tax consequences, irreparably jeopardizing the Debtors' ability to maximize the value of their estates for the benefit of all stakeholders. Accordingly, the Debtors submit that they have satisfied the "immediate and irreparable" standard of Bankruptcy Rule 6003 to support granting the relief requested herein.

Reservation of Rights

20. Nothing contained in the motion or any actions taken by the Debtors pursuant to relief granted in the Interim Order and Final Order is intended or should be construed as: (a) an admission as to the validity, priority, or amount of any particular claim against a Debtor entity;

Because of the voluminous nature of the orders cited herein, such orders have not been attached to this motion. Copies of these orders are available upon request of the Debtors' proposed counsel.

(b) a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party-in-interest's rights to dispute any particular claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any particular claim; (d) an implication or admission that any particular claim is of a type specified or defined in the motion; (e) a request or authorization to assume any agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (f) a waiver or limitation of the Debtors' or any other party-in-interest's rights under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law; or (g) a concession by the Debtors or any other party-in-interest that any liens (contractual, common law, statutory, or otherwise) satisfied pursuant to the motion are valid and the Debtors and all other parties-in-interest expressly reserve their rights to contest the extent, validity, or perfection, or to seek avoidance of all such liens. If the Court grants the relief sought herein, any payment made pursuant to the Court's order is not intended and should not be construed as an admission as to the validity, priority, or amount of any particular claim or a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party-in-interest's rights to subsequently dispute such claim.

Waiver of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and 6004(h)

21. To implement the foregoing successfully, the Debtors request that the Court enter an order providing that notice of the relief requested herein satisfies Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and that the Debtors have established cause to exclude such relief from the 14-day stay period under Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h).

Notice

22. The Debtors will provide notice of this motion to: (a) the U.S. Trustee for the District of Delaware; (b) the holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis); (c) Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, in its capacity as successor administrative agent under the Term Loan Credit Agreement, or any of its predecessors or successors (the "Term Loan Agent"); (d) counsel to the Term Loan Agent; (e) counsel to the ad

hoc group of the Debtors' Prepetition Lenders (the "Ad Hoc Group"); (f) the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware; (g) the Internal Revenue Service; (h) the Food and Drug Administration; (i) the Drug Enforcement Administration; (j) the Securities Exchange Commission; (k) the state attorneys general for all states in which the Debtors conduct business; and (l) any party that requests service pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1(m)(iii).

No Prior Request

23. No prior request for the relief sought in this motion has been made to this or any other court.

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WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request entry of interim and final orders, substantially in the forms attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and **Exhibit B**, respectively, (a) granting the relief requested herein and (b) granting such other relief as is just and proper.

Wilmington, Delaware May 21, 2020

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EXHIBIT A

Proposed Interim Order

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

) Re: Docket No
	Debtors.) (Joint Administration Requested)
)
AKORN, INC., ¹) Case No. 20-11177 ()
In re:) Chapter 11
)

INTERIM ORDER (I) APPROVING NOTIFICATION AND HEARING PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN TRANSFERS OF AND DECLARATIONS OF WORTHLESSNESS WITH RESPECT TO COMMON STOCK AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

Upon the motion (the "Motion")² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") for entry of an interim order (this "Interim Order") (a) approving the Procedures related to transfers of, or declarations of worthlessness with respect to, Common Stock, (b) directing that any purchase, sale, other transfer of, or declaration of worthlessness with respect to Common Stock in violation of the Procedures shall be null and void *ab initio*, (c) scheduling a final hearing to consider approval of the Motion on a final basis, and (d) granting related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in

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² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate under the circumstances and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing before this Court (the "Hearing"); and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Motion is granted on an interim basis as set forth in this Interim Order.

In the event no objections to entry of the Final Order on the Motion are timely received, this Court may enter such Final Order without need for the Final Hearing.

- 3. The Procedures, as set forth in **Exhibit 1** attached hereto are approved.
- 4. Any transfer of or declaration of worthlessness with respect to Common Stock in violation of the Procedures, including but not limited to the notice requirements, shall be null and void *ab initio*.
- 5. In the case of any such transfer of Common Stock in violation of the Procedures, including but not limited to the notice requirements, the person or entity making such transfer shall be required to take remedial actions specified by the Debtors, which may include the actions specified in Private Letter Ruling 201010009 (Dec. 4, 2009), to appropriately reflect that such transfer is null and void *ab initio*.
- 6. In the case of any such declaration of worthlessness with respect to Common Stock in violation of the Procedures, including the notice requirements, the person or entity making such declaration shall be required to file an amended tax return revoking such declaration and any related deduction to appropriately reflect that such declaration is void *ab initio*.
- 7. The Debtors may retroactively or prospectively waive any and all restrictions, stays, and notification procedures set forth in the Procedures.
- 8. The requirements set forth in this Interim Order are in addition to the requirements of all applicable law and do not excuse compliance therewith.
 - 9. The contents of the Motion satisfy the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6003(b).
- 10. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Motion and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.

- 11. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), the terms and conditions of this Interim Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.
- 12. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Interim Order in accordance with the Motion.
- 13. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Interim Order.

Dated:, 2020	
Wilmington, Delaware	UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

EXHIBIT 1

Procedures for Transfers of and Declarations of Worthlessness with Respect to Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock

<u>Procedures for Transfers of and Declarations of</u> Worthlessness with Respect to Common Stock

The following procedures apply to transfers of Common Stock:¹

- a. Any person or entity that (i) is a Substantial Shareholder² and (ii) wishes to effectuate a transfer of Common Stock that would (A) affect the size of a Substantial Shareholder's Beneficial Ownership, or (B) would result in another entity or individual becoming or ceasing to be a Substantial Shareholder, must file with the Court and serve upon (i) the Debtors, Akorn, Inc., 1925 W. Field Court, Suite 300, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045 Attn: Joseph Bonaccorsi; (ii) proposed counsel to the Debtors, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 300 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60654, Attn: Patrick J. Nash, Jr., P.C., Gregory F. Pesce, and Christopher M. Hayes, and Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attn: Nicole L. Greenblatt, P.C.; (iii) proposed co-counsel to the Debtors, Richards, Layton & Finger P.A., 920 N. King Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn: Paul N. Heath; (iv) the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Lockbox 35, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn: Jane Leamy; and (v) counsel to any statutory committee appointed in these chapter 11 cases; (collectively, the "Notice Parties") a declaration of such status, substantially in the form annexed to the Procedures as Exhibit 1A (each, a "Declaration of Status as a Substantial Shareholder"), on or before the later of (1) twenty (20) calendar days after the date of the Notice of Interim Order, and (2) ten (10) calendar days after becoming a Substantial Shareholder; provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, the other procedures set forth herein shall apply to any Substantial Shareholder even if no Declaration of Status as a Substantial Shareholder has been filed.
- b. Prior to effectuating any transfer of Common Stock that would (i) affect the size of a Substantial Shareholder's Beneficial Ownership, or (ii) would result in another entity or individual becoming or ceasing to be a Substantial Shareholder, the parties to such transaction must file with the Court, and serve upon the Notice Parties, an advance written declaration of the intended transfer of Common Stock, substantially in the form annexed to the Procedures as **Exhibit 1B** (each, a "Declaration of Intent to Accumulate Common Stock").
- c. Prior to effectuating any transfer of Common Stock that would (i) affect the size of a Substantial Shareholder's Beneficial Ownership, or (ii) would

¹ Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

For purposes of these Procedures, a "<u>Substantial Shareholder</u>" is any entity or individual that has Beneficial Ownership of approximately at least 6,003,208 shares of Common Stock (representing approximately 4.5 percent of all issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock, based on approximately 133,404,613 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of the Petition Date).

result in another entity or individual becoming or ceasing to be a Substantial Shareholder, the parties to such transaction must file with the Court, and serve upon the Notice Parties (as defined herein), an advance written declaration of the intended transfer of Common Stock, substantially in the form annexed to the Procedures as **Exhibit 1C** (each, a "Declaration of Intent to Transfer Common Stock," and together with a Declaration of Intent to Accumulate Common Stock, each a "Declaration of Proposed Transfer")

- d. The Debtors shall have fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of a Declaration of Proposed Transfer to file with the Court and serve on such Substantial Shareholder or potential Substantial Shareholder an objection to any proposed transfer of Common Stock described in the Declaration of Proposed Transfer on the grounds that such transfer might adversely affect the Debtors' ability to utilize their Tax Attributes.
 - If the Debtors timely object, the proposed transaction will remain ineffective unless such objection is withdrawn by the Debtors, or such transaction is approved by a final and nonappealable order of the Court.
 - ii. If the Debtors do not object, the proposed transaction may proceed solely as set forth in the Declaration of Proposed Transfer. Further transactions within the scope of these procedures must be the subject of additional notices in accordance with the procedures set forth herein, with an additional fifteen-day (15) waiting period for each Declaration of Proposed Transfer.

The following procedures apply to declarations of worthlessness of Common Stock:

a. Any person or entity that currently is or becomes a 50-Percent Shareholder³ must file with the Court and serve upon the Notice Parties a declaration of such status as a 50-Percent Shareholder, substantially in the form annexed to the Procedures as **Exhibit 1D** (each, a "Declaration of Status as a 50-Percent Shareholder"), on or before the later of (i) twenty (20) calendar days after the date of the Notice of Interim Order and (ii) ten (10) calendar days after becoming a 50-Percent Shareholder; *provided* that, for the avoidance of doubt, the other procedures set forth herein shall apply to any 50-Percent Shareholder even if no Declaration of Status as a 50-Percent Shareholder has been filed.

For purposes of the Procedures, a "<u>50-Percent Shareholder</u>" is any person or entity that at any time since December 31, 2015 has owned Beneficial Ownership of 50 percent or more of the Common Stock of the Debtors (determined in accordance with section 382(g)(4)(D) of the IRC and the applicable Treasury Regulations thereunder).

- b. Prior to filing any federal or state tax return, or any amendment to such a return, or taking any other action that claims any deduction for worthlessness of Common Stock for a tax year ending before the Debtors' emergence from chapter 11 protection, such 50-Percent Shareholder must file with the Court and serve upon the Notice Parties a declaration of intent to claim a worthless stock deduction, substantially in the form annexed to the Procedures as **Exhibit 1E** (each, a "Declaration of Intent to Claim a Worthless Stock Deduction").
- c. The Debtors shall have fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of a Declaration of Intent to Claim a Worthless Stock Deduction to file with the Court and serve on such 50-Percent Shareholder an objection to any proposed claim of worthlessness described in the Declaration of Intent to Claim a Worthless Stock Deduction on the grounds that such claim might adversely affect the Debtors' ability to utilize their Tax Attributes.
 - i. If the Debtors timely object, the filing of the tax return or amendment thereto with such claim will not be permitted unless approved by a final and non-appealable order of the Court, unless the Debtors withdraw such objection.
 - ii. If the Debtors do not object, the filing of the return or amendment with such claim will be permitted solely as described in the Declaration of Intent to Claim a Worthless Stock Deduction. Additional returns and amendments within the scope of these procedures must be the subject of additional notices as set forth herein, with an additional fifteen-day (15) waiting period. To the extent that the Debtors receive an appropriate Declaration of Intent to Claim a Worthless Stock Deduction and determine in their business judgment not to object, they shall provide notice of that decision as soon as is reasonably practicable to any statutory committee(s) appointed in these chapter 11 cases.

Notice Procedures

The following notice procedures apply to these Procedures:

a. No later than two business days following entry of the Interim Order, the Debtors shall serve by first class mail the notice, substantially in the form of **Exhibit 1F** attached to these Procedures (the "Notice of Interim Order"), on: (i) the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Lockbox 35, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn: Jane Leamy; (ii) counsel to any statutory committee appointed in these chapter 11 cases; and (iii) the registered and nominee holders of the Common Stock (with instructions to serve down to the beneficial holders of the Common Stock, as applicable).. Additionally, no later than two (2) business days following entry of the Final Order, the Debtors shall serve a Notice of

- Interim Order modified to reflect that the final order has been entered (as modified, the "Notice of Final Order") on the same entities that received the Notice of Interim Order.
- b. All registered and nominee holders of Common Stock shall be required to serve the Notice of Interim Order or Notice of Final Order, as applicable, on any holder for whose benefit such registered or nominee holder holds such Common Stock down the chain of ownership for all such holders of Common Stock.
- c. Any entity or individual, or broker or agent acting on such entity's or individual's behalf, who sells Common Stock to another entity or individual shall be required to serve a copy of the Notice of Interim Order or Notice of Final Order, as applicable, on such purchaser of such Common Stock, or any broker or agent acting on such purchaser's behalf.
- d. To the extent confidential information is required in any declaration described in these Procedures, such confidential information may be filed and served in redacted form; *provided* that any such declarations served on the Debtors *shall not* be in redacted form. The Debtors shall keep all information provided in such declarations strictly confidential and shall not disclose the contents thereof to any person except to the extent (i) necessary to respond to a petition or objection filed with the Court; (ii) otherwise required by law; or (iii) that the information contained therein is already public; *provided* that the Debtors may disclose the contents thereof to their professional advisors, who shall keep all such notices strictly confidential and shall not disclose the contents thereof to any other person, subject to further Court order. To the extent confidential information is necessary to respond to a petitioner objection filed with the Court, such confidential information shall be filed under seal or in a redacted form.

EXHIBIT 1A

Declaration of Status as a Substantial Shareholder

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:) Chapter 11
AKORN, INC., ¹) Case No. 20-11177 ()
	Debtors.	(Joint Administration Requested)Re: Docket No.
) Ke. Docket No

DECLARATION OF STATUS AS A SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDER²

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned party is/has become a Substantial Shareholder with respect to the common stock of Akorn, Inc. or of any Beneficial Ownership therein (the "Common Stock"). Akorn, Inc. is a debtor and debtor in possession in Case No. 20-11177 (____) pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court").

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, if any, are: Akorn, Inc. (7400); 10 Edison Street LLC (7890); 13 Edison Street LLC; Advanced Vision Research, Inc. (9046); Akorn (New Jersey), Inc. (1474); Akorn Animal Health, Inc. (6645); Akorn Ophthalmics, Inc. (6266); Akorn Sales, Inc. (7866); Clover Pharmaceuticals Corp. (3735); Covenant Pharma, Inc. (0115); Hi-Tech Pharmacal Co., Inc. (8720); Inspire Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (9022); Oak Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (6647); Olta Pharmaceuticals Corp. (3621); VersaPharm Incorporated (6739); VPI Holdings Corp. (6716); and VPI Holdings Sub, LLC. The location of the Debtors' service address is: 1925 W. Field Court, Suite 300, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045.

For purposes of these Procedures: (i) a "Substantial Shareholder" is any entity or individual that has Beneficial Ownership of at least approximately 6,003,208 shares of Common Stock (representing approximately 4.5% of all issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock); (ii) "Beneficial Ownership" will be determined in accordance with the applicable rules of sections 382 and 383 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. §§ 1–9834 as amended (the "IRC"), and the Treasury Regulations thereunder (other than Treasury Regulations Section 1.382-2T(h)(2)(i)(A)), and includes direct, indirect, and constructive ownership (e.g., (1) a holding company would be considered to beneficially own all equity securities owned by its subsidiaries, (2) a partner in a partnership would be considered to beneficially own its proportionate share of any equity securities owned by such partnership, (3) an individual and such individual's family members may be treated as one individual, (4) persons and entities acting in concert to make a coordinated acquisition of equity securities may be treated as a single entity, and (5) a holder would be considered to beneficially own equity securities that such holder has an Option to acquire). An "Option" to acquire stock includes all interests described in Treasury Regulations Section 1.382-4(d)(9), including any contingent purchase right, warrant, convertible debt, put, call, stock subject to risk of forfeiture, contract to acquire stock, or similar interest, regardless of whether it is contingent or otherwise not currently exercisable.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, a	s of, 2020, the undersigned
party currently has Beneficial Ownership of	_ shares of Common Stock. The following
table sets forth the date(s) on which the undersigned pa	arty acquired Beneficial Ownership of such
Common Stock:	

Number of Shares	Date Acquired

(Attach additional page or pages if necessary)

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the last four digits of the taxpayer identification number of the undersigned party are _____.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to that certain *Interim Order*(I) Approving Notification and Hearing Procedures for Certain Transfers of and Declarations of Worthlessness with Respect to Common Stock and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. ___]
(the "Order"), this declaration (this "Declaration") is being filed with the Court and served upon the Notice Parties.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, under penalties of perjury, the undersigned party hereby declares that he or she has examined this Declaration and accompanying attachments (if any), and, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, this Declaration and any attachments hereto are true, correct, and complete.

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		Respectfully submitted,
		(Name of Substantial Shareholder)
		By:
		Name:Address:
		Telephone:Facsimile:
Dated:		
(City)	(State)	

EXHIBIT 1B

Declaration of Intent to Accumulate Common Stock

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:)	Chapter 11
)	Chapter 11
AKORN, INC., et al., ¹)	Case No. 20-11177 ()
	Debtors.)	(Joint Administration Requested)
)	

DECLARATION OF INTENT TO ACCUMULATE COMMON STOCK²

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned party hereby provides notice of its intention to purchase, acquire, or otherwise accumulate (the "<u>Proposed Transfer</u>") one or more shares of common stock of Akorn, Inc. or of any Beneficial Ownership therein (the "<u>Common Stock</u>"). Akorn, Inc. is a debtor and debtor in possession in Case No. 20-11177 (____) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court").

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For purposes of these Procedures: (i) a "<u>Substantial Shareholder</u>" is any entity or individual that has Beneficial Ownership of approximately at least 6,003,208 shares of Common Stock (representing approximately 4.5% of all issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock); (ii) "<u>Beneficial Ownership</u>" will be determined in accordance with the applicable rules of sections 382 and 383 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. §§ 1–9834 as amended (the "<u>IRC</u>"), and the Treasury Regulations thereunder (other than Treasury Regulations Section 1.382-2T(h)(2)(i)(A)), and includes direct, indirect, and constructive ownership (*e.g.*, (1) a holding company would be considered to beneficially own all equity securities owned by its subsidiaries, (2) a partner in a partnership would be considered to beneficially own its proportionate share of any equity securities owned by such partnership, (3) an individual and such individual's family members may be treated as one individual, (4) persons and entities acting in concert to make a coordinated acquisition of equity securities may be treated as a single entity, and (5) a holder would be considered to beneficially own equity securities that such holder has an Option to acquire). An "<u>Option</u>" to acquire stock includes all interests described in Treasury Regulations Section 1.382-4(d)(9), including any contingent purchase right, warrant, convertible debt, put, call, stock subject to risk of forfeiture, contract to acquire stock, or similar interest, regardless of whether it is contingent or otherwise not currently exercisable.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, if applicable, on, 2020, the
undersigned party filed a Declaration of Status as a Substantial Shareholder with the Court and
served copies thereof as set forth therein.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the undersigned party currently has
Beneficial Ownership of shares of Common Stock.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Proposed Transfer, the
undersigned party proposes to purchase, acquire, or otherwise accumulate Beneficial Ownership
of shares of Common Stock or an Option with respect to shares of
Common Stock. If the Proposed Transfer is permitted to occur, the undersigned party will have
Beneficial Ownership of shares of Common Stock after such transfer becomes
effective.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the last four digits of the taxpayer
identification number of the undersigned party are
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to that certain Interim Order
(I) Approving Notification and Hearing Procedures for Certain Transfers of and Declarations of
Worthlessness with Respect to Common Stock and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No]
(the "Order"), this declaration (this "Declaration") is being filed with the Court and served upon
the Notice Parties.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Order, the undersigned party acknowledges that it is prohibited from consummating the Proposed Transfer unless and until the undersigned party complies with the Procedures set forth therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Debtors have fifteen calendar days after receipt of this Declaration to object to the Proposed Transfer described herein. If the Debtors

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timely file an objection, such Proposed Transfer will remain ineffective unless such objection is

withdrawn by the Debtors or the Court approves such transaction by a final and non-appealable

order. If the Debtors do not object within such fifteen-day period, then after expiration of such

period the Proposed Transfer may proceed solely as set forth in this Declaration.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any further transactions contemplated by the

undersigned party that may result in the undersigned party purchasing, acquiring, or otherwise

accumulating Beneficial Ownership of additional shares of Common Stock will each require an

additional notice filed with the Court and served in the same manner as this Declaration.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, under

penalties of perjury, the undersigned party hereby declares that he or she has examined this

Declaration and accompanying attachments (if any), and, to the best of his or her knowledge and

belief, this Declaration and any attachments hereto are true, correct, and complete.

Respectfully submitted,
(Name of Declarant)
By:
Name:Address:
Telephone:Facsimile:

EXHIBIT 1C

Declaration of Intent to Transfer Common Stock

In re:)	Chapter 11
III IC.)	Chapter 11
AKORN, INC., et al., ¹)	Case No. 20-11177 ()
	Debtors.)	(Joint Administration Requested)

DECLARATION OF INTENT TO TRANSFER COMMON STOCK²

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned party hereby provides notice of its intention to sell, trade, or otherwise transfer (the "<u>Proposed Transfer</u>") one or more shares of common stock of Akorn, Inc. or of any Beneficial Ownership therein (the "<u>Common Stock</u>"). Akorn, Inc. is a debtor and debtor in possession in Case No. 20-11177 (____) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "<u>Court</u>").

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, if applicable, on, 2020, the
undersigned party filed a Declaration of Status as a Substantial Shareholder with the Court and
served copies thereof as set forth therein.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the undersigned party currently has
Beneficial Ownership of shares of Common Stock.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Proposed Transfer, the
undersigned party proposes to sell, trade, or otherwise transfer Beneficial Ownership of
shares of Common Stock or an Option with respect to shares of Common
Stock. If the Proposed Transfer is permitted to occur, the undersigned party will have Beneficial
Ownership of shares of Common Stock after such transfer becomes effective.
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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Order, the undersigned party acknowledges that it is prohibited from consummating the Proposed Transfer unless and until the undersigned party complies with the Procedures set forth therein.

(the "Order"), this declaration (this "Declaration") is being filed with the Court and served upon

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withdrawn by the Debtors or the Court approves such transaction by a final and non-appealable order. If the Debtors do not object within such fifteen-day period, then after expiration of such period the Proposed Transfer may proceed solely as set forth in this Declaration.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any further transactions contemplated by the undersigned party that may result in the undersigned party selling, trading, or otherwise transferring Beneficial Ownership of additional shares of Common Stock will each require an additional notice filed with the Court to be served in the same manner as this Declaration.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, under penalties of perjury, the undersigned party hereby declares that he or she has examined this Declaration and accompanying attachments (if any), and, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, this Declaration and any attachments hereto are true, correct, and complete.

	Respectfully submitted,
	(Name of Declarant)
	Ву:
	Name:Address:
	Telephone:Facsimile:
Dated:, 20	
(City) (State)	

EXHIBIT 1D

Declaration of Status as a 50-Percent Shareholder

In re:)) Chapter 11		
AKORN, INC., et al., ¹) Case No. 20-11177 ()		
Debtors.) (Joint Administration Requested)		
DECLARATION OF STATUS AS A 50-PERCENT SHAREHOLDER ²			
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned party is/has become a 50-Percent			
Shareholder with respect to the common stock of Akorn, Inc. or of any Beneficial Ownership			
therein (the "Common Stock"). Akorn, Inc. is a debtor and debtor in possession in Case No. 20-			
11177 () in the United States Bankruptcy Court for	for the District of Delaware (the "Court").		
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, as of			
party currently has Beneficial Ownership of	shares of Common Stock. The following		

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, if any, are: Akorn, Inc. (7400); 10 Edison Street LLC (7890); 13 Edison Street LLC; Advanced Vision Research, Inc. (9046); Akorn (New Jersey), Inc. (1474); Akorn Animal Health, Inc. (6645); Akorn Ophthalmics, Inc. (6266); Akorn Sales, Inc. (7866); Clover Pharmaceuticals Corp. (3735); Covenant Pharma, Inc. (0115); Hi-Tech Pharmacal Co., Inc. (8720); Inspire Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (9022); Oak Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (6647); Olta Pharmaceuticals Corp. (3621); VersaPharm Incorporated (6739); VPI Holdings Corp. (6716); and VPI Holdings Sub, LLC. The location of the Debtors' service address is: 1925 W. Field Court, Suite 300, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045.

For purposes of this Declaration: (i) a "50-Percent Shareholder" is any person or entity that at any time since December 31, 2015, has had Beneficial Ownership of 50 percent or more of the Common Stock (determined in accordance with IRC § 382(g)(4)(D) and the applicable Treasury Regulations); (ii) "Beneficial Ownership" will be determined in accordance with the applicable rules of sections 382 and 383 of the Internal Revenue Code (the "IRC"), and the Treasury Regulations thereunder (other than Treasury Regulations section 1.382-2T(h)(2)(i)(A)) and includes direct, indirect, and constructive ownership (e.g., (1) a holding company would be considered to beneficially own all equity securities owned by its subsidiaries, (2) a partner in a partnership would be considered to beneficially own its proportionate share of any equity securities owned by such partnership, (3) an individual and such individual's family members may be treated as one individual, (4) persons and entities acting in concert to make a coordinated acquisition of equity securities may be treated as a single entity, and (5) a holder would be considered to beneficially own equity securities that such holder has an Option (as defined herein) to acquire); and (iii) an "Option" to acquire stock includes all interests described in Treasury Regulations Section 1.382-4(d)(9), including any contingent purchase right, warrant, convertible debt, put, call, stock subject to risk of forfeiture, contract to acquire stock, or similar interest, regardless of whether it is contingent or otherwise not currently exercisable.

table sets forth the date(s) on which the undersigned party acquired Beneficial Ownership of such Common Stock:

Number of Shares	Date Acquired

(Attach additional page or pages if necessary)

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the last four digits of the taxpayer identification number of the undersigned party are ______.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to that certain *Interim Order*(I) Approving Notification and Hearing Procedures for Certain Transfers of and Declarations of Worthlessness with Respect to Common Stock and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. ___]
(the "Order"), this declaration (this "Declaration") is being filed with the Court and served upon the Notice Parties.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, under penalties of perjury, the undersigned party hereby declares that he or she has examined this Declaration and accompanying attachments (if any), and, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, this Declaration and any attachments hereto are true, correct, and complete.

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		Respectfully submitted,
		(Name of 50-Percent Shareholder)
		By:
		Name: Address:
		Telephone:Facsimile:
Dated:	, 20	Tuesmine.
(City)	(State)	

EXHIBIT 1E

Declaration of Intent to Claim a Worthless Stock Deduction

In re:)	Chapter 11
AKORN, INC., et al.,1)	Case No. 20-11177 ()
	Debtors.)	(Joint Administration Requested)

DECLARATION OF INTENT TO CLAIM A WORTHLESS STOCK DEDUCTION²

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned party hereby provides notice of its intention to claim a worthless stock deduction (the "<u>Proposed Worthlessness Claim</u>") with respect to one or more shares of common stock of Akorn, Inc. or of any Beneficial Ownership therein (the "<u>Common Stock</u>"). Akorn, Inc. is a debtor and debtor in possession in Case No. 20-11177 (___) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "<u>Court</u>").

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, if any, are: Akorn, Inc. (7400); 10 Edison Street LLC (7890); 13 Edison Street LLC; Advanced Vision Research, Inc. (9046); Akorn (New Jersey), Inc. (1474); Akorn Animal Health, Inc. (6645); Akorn Ophthalmics, Inc. (6266); Akorn Sales, Inc. (7866); Clover Pharmaceuticals Corp. (3735); Covenant Pharma, Inc. (0115); Hi-Tech Pharmacal Co., Inc. (8720); Inspire Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (9022); Oak Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (6647); Olta Pharmaceuticals Corp. (3621); VersaPharm Incorporated (6739); VPI Holdings Corp. (6716); and VPI Holdings Sub, LLC. The location of the Debtors' service address is: 1925 W. Field Court, Suite 300, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045.

For purposes of this Declaration: (i) a "50-Percent Shareholder" is any person or entity that at any time since December 31, 2015, has had Beneficial Ownership of 50 percent or more of the Common Stock (determined in accordance with IRC § 382(g)(4)(D) and the applicable Treasury Regulations); (ii) "Beneficial Ownership" will be determined in accordance with the applicable rules of sections 382 and 383 of the Internal Revenue Code (the "IRC"), and the Treasury Regulations thereunder (other than Treasury Regulations section 1.382-2T(h)(2)(i)(A)) and includes direct, indirect, and constructive ownership (e.g., (1) a holding company would be considered to beneficially own all equity securities owned by its subsidiaries, (2) a partner in a partnership would be considered to beneficially own its proportionate share of any equity securities owned by such partnership, (3) an individual and such individual's family members may be treated as one individual, (4) persons and entities acting in concert to make a coordinated acquisition of equity securities may be treated as a single entity, and (5) a holder would be considered to beneficially own equity securities that such holder has an Option (as defined herein) to acquire); and (iii) an "Option" to acquire stock includes all interests described in Treasury Regulations Section 1.382-4(d)(9), including any contingent purchase right, warrant, convertible debt, put, call, stock subject to risk of forfeiture, contract to acquire stock, or similar interest, regardless of whether it is contingent or otherwise not currently exercisable.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the undersigned party currently has Beneficial Ownership of ______ shares of Common Stock.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Proposed Worthlessness Claim, the undersigned party proposes to declare that ______ shares of Common Stock became worthless during the tax year ending ______.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the last four digits of the taxpayer identification number of the undersigned party are ______.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to that certain *Interim Order* (I) Approving Notification and Hearing Procedures for Certain Transfers of and Declarations of Worthlessness with Respect to Common Stock and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. ___] (the "Order"), this declaration (this "Declaration") is being filed with the Court and served upon the Notice Parties.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Order, the undersigned party acknowledges that the Debtors have fifteen calendar days after receipt of this Declaration to object to the Proposed Worthlessness Claim described herein. If the Debtors timely file an objection, such Proposed Worthlessness Claim will not be effective unless such objection is withdrawn by the Debtors or the Court approves such transaction by a final and non-appealable order. If the Debtors do not object within such fifteen-day period, then after expiration of such period the Proposed Worthlessness Claim may proceed solely as set forth in this Declaration.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any further claims of worthlessness contemplated by the undersigned party will each require an additional notice filed with the Court to be served in the same manner as this Declaration and are subject to an additional fifteen-day waiting period.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, under penalties of perjury, the undersigned party hereby declares that he or she has examined this Declaration and accompanying attachments (if any), and, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, this Declaration and any attachments hereto are true, correct, and complete.

		Respectfully submitted,
		(Name of Declarant)
		By:
		Name:Address:
		Telephone:Facsimile:
Dated:	, 20	
(City)	(State)	

EXHIBIT 1F

Notice of Interim Order

In re:) Chapter 11
AKORN, INC., et al.,1) Case No. 20-11177 ()
	Debtors.) (Joint Administration Requested)

NOTICE OF DISCLOSURE PROCEDURES
APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN HOLDERS OF COMMON
STOCK, DISCLOSURE PROCEDURES FOR TRANSFERS OF
AND DECLARATIONS OF WORTHLESSNESS WITH RESPECT TO
COMMON STOCK, AND FINAL HEARING ON THE APPLICATION THEREOF

TO: ALL ENTITIES (AS DEFINED BY SECTION 101(15) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE) THAT MAY HOLD BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF COMMON STOCK OF AKORN, INC. (THE "COMMON STOCK"):

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May 20, 2020 (the "Petition Date"), the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), filed petitions with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). Subject to certain exceptions, section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code operates as a stay of any act to obtain possession of property of or from the Debtors' estates or to exercise control over property of or from the Debtors' estates.

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, if any, are: Akorn, Inc. (7400); 10 Edison Street LLC (7890); 13 Edison Street LLC; Advanced Vision Research, Inc. (9046); Akorn (New Jersey), Inc. (1474); Akorn Animal Health, Inc. (6645); Akorn Ophthalmics, Inc. (6266); Akorn Sales, Inc. (7866); Clover Pharmaceuticals Corp. (3735); Covenant Pharma, Inc. (0115); Hi-Tech Pharmacal Co., Inc. (8720); Inspire Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (9022); Oak Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (6647); Olta Pharmaceuticals Corp. (3621); VersaPharm Incorporated (6739); VPI Holdings Corp. (6716); and VPI Holdings Sub, LLC. The location of the Debtors' service address is: 1925 W. Field Court, Suite 300, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that on the Petition Date, the Debtors filed the Debtors' Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (A) Approving Notification and Hearing Procedures for Certain Transfers of and Declarations of Worthlessness with Respect to Common Stock and (B) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. __] (the "Motion").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that on [_____], 2020, the Court entered the Interim Order (A) Approving Notification and Hearing Procedures for Certain Transfers of and Declarations of Worthlessness with Respect to Common Stock and (B) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. __] (the "Order") approving procedures for certain transfers of and declarations of worthlessness with respect to Common Stock, set forth in Exhibit 1 attached to the Order (the "Procedures").²

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Order, a Substantial Shareholder may not consummate any purchase, sale, or other transfer of Common Stock or Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock in violation of the Procedures, any such transaction in violation of the Procedures shall be null and void *ab initio*, and certain remedial actions (including mandatory purchases or sales of Common Stock) may be required to restore the status quo.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Order, the Procedures shall apply to the holding and transfers of Common Stock or any Beneficial Ownership therein by a Substantial Shareholder or someone who may become a Substantial Shareholder.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Order, a 50-Percent Shareholder may not claim a worthless stock deduction with respect to Common Stock, or Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock, in violation of the Procedures, any such deduction in

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Order or the Motion, as applicable.

violation of the Procedures shall be null and void *ab initio*, and the 50-Percent Shareholder shall be required to file an amended tax return revoking such proposed deduction.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that upon the request of any entity, the proposed notice, claims, and solicitation agent for the Debtors, Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, 3d Floor, El Segundo, CA 90245, will provide a copy of the Order and a form of each of the declarations required to be filed by the Procedures in a reasonable period of time. Such declarations are also available via PACER on the Court's website at https://ecf.deb.uscourts.gov for a fee, or free of charge by accessing the Debtors' restructuring website at https://www.kccllc.net/akorn.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the final hearing (the "Final Hearing") on the Motion shall be held on _______, 2020, at__:___.m., prevailing Eastern Time. Any objections or responses to entry of a final order on the Motion shall be filed on or before 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, on ______, 2020, and shall be served on the Notice Parties.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN THE ORDER SHALL CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE AUTOMATIC STAY PROVISIONS OF SECTION 362 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT ANY PROHIBITED PURCHASE, SALE, OTHER TRANSFER OF, OR DECLARATION OF WORTHLESSNESS WITH RESPECT TO COMMON STOCK, BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP THEREOF, OR OPTION WITH RESPECT THERETO IN VIOLATION OF THE ORDER IS PROHIBITED AND SHALL BE NULL AND VOID *AB INITIO* AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY CONTEMPT OR OTHER SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY THE COURT.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the requirements set forth in the Order are in addition to the requirements of applicable law and do not excuse compliance therewith.

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Wilmington, Delaware [DATE], 2020

/s/

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EXHIBIT B

Proposed Final Order

) Re: Docket No
Debtors.) (Joint Administration Requested)
AKORN, INC., ¹) Case No. 20-11177 ()
In re:) Chapter 11
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FINAL ORDER (I) APPROVING NOTIFICATION AND HEARING PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN TRANSFERS OF AND DECLARATIONS OF WORTHLESSNESS WITH RESPECT TO COMMON STOCK AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

Upon the motion (the "Motion")² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") for entry of a final order (this "Final Order") (a) approving the Procedures related to transfers of, or declarations of worthlessness with respect to, Common Stock, (b) directing that any purchase, sale, other transfer of, or declaration of worthlessness with respect to Common Stock in violation of the Procedures shall be null and void *ab initio*, and (c) granting related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012; and that this Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of this

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² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing before this Court (the "Hearing"); and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Motion is granted on a final basis as set forth in this Final Order.
- 2. The Procedures, as set forth in **Exhibit 1** attached hereto are approved.
- 3. Any transfer of or declaration of worthlessness with respect to Common Stock in violation of the Procedures, including but not limited to the notice requirements, shall be null and void *ab initio*.
- 4. In the case of any such transfer of Common Stock in violation of the Procedures, including but not limited to the notice requirements, the person or entity making such transfer shall be required to take remedial actions specified by the Debtors, which may include the actions specified in Private Letter Ruling 201010009 (Dec. 4, 2009), to appropriately reflect that such transfer is null and void *ab initio*.
- 5. In the case of any such declaration of worthlessness with respect to Common Stock in violation of the Procedures, including the notice requirements, the person or entity making such

declaration shall be required to file an amended tax return revoking such declaration and any related deduction to appropriately reflect that such declaration is void *ab initio*.

- 6. The Debtors may retroactively or prospectively waive any and all restrictions, stays, and notification procedures set forth in the Procedures.
- 7. To the extent that this Final Order is inconsistent with any prior order or pleading with respect to the Motion in these chapter 11 cases, the terms of this Final Order shall govern.
- 8. The requirements set forth in this Final Order are in addition to the requirements of applicable law and do not excuse compliance therewith.
- 9. The Debtors are authorized to issue postpetition checks, or to effect postpetition fund transfer requests, in replacement of any checks or fund transfer requests that are dishonored as a consequence of these chapter 11 cases with respect to prepetition amounts owed in connection with the relief granted herein.
 - 10. The contents of the Motion satisfy the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6003(b).
- 11. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Motion and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.
- 12. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), the terms and conditions of this Final Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.
- 13. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Final Order in accordance with the Motion.
- 14. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Final Order.

Dated:, 2020	
Wilmington, Delaware	UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

EXHIBIT 1

Procedures for Transfers of and Declarations of Worthlessness with Respect to Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock

<u>Procedures for Transfers of and Declarations of</u> <u>Worthlessness with Respect to Common Stock</u>

The following procedures apply to transfers of Common Stock:¹

- a. Any person or entity that (i) is a Substantial Shareholder² and (ii) wishes to effectuate a transfer of Common Stock that would (A) affect the size of a Substantial Shareholder's Beneficial Ownership, or (B) would result in another entity or individual becoming or ceasing to be a Substantial Shareholder, must file with the Court and serve upon (i) the Debtors, Akorn, Inc., 1925 W. Field Court, Suite 300, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045 Attn: Joseph Bonaccorsi; (ii) proposed counsel to the Debtors, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 300 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60654, Attn: Patrick J. Nash, Jr., P.C., Gregory F. Pesce, and Christopher M. Hayes, and Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attn: Nicole L. Greenblatt, P.C.; (iii) proposed co-counsel to the Debtors, Richards, Layton & Finger P.A., 920 N. King Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn: Paul N. Heath; (iv) the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Lockbox 35, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn: Jane Leamy; and (v) counsel to any statutory committee appointed in these chapter 11 cases; (collectively, the "Notice Parties") a declaration of such status, substantially in the form annexed to the Procedures as Exhibit 1A (each, a "Declaration of Status as a Substantial Shareholder"), on or before the later of (1) twenty (20) calendar days after the date of the Notice of Final Order, and (2) ten (10) calendar days after becoming a Substantial Shareholder; provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, the other procedures set forth herein shall apply to any Substantial Shareholder even if no Declaration of Status as a Substantial Shareholder has been filed.
- b. Prior to effectuating any transfer of Common Stock that would (i) affect the size of a Substantial Shareholder's Beneficial Ownership, or (ii) would result in another entity or individual becoming or ceasing to be a Substantial Shareholder, the parties to such transaction must file with the Court, and serve upon the Notice Parties, an advance written declaration of the intended transfer of Common Stock, substantially in the form annexed to the Procedures as **Exhibit 1B** (each, a "Declaration of Intent to Accumulate Common Stock").
- c. Prior to effectuating any transfer of Common Stock that would (i) affect the size of a Substantial Shareholder's Beneficial Ownership, or (ii) would

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For purposes of these Procedures, a "<u>Substantial Shareholder</u>" is any entity or individual that has Beneficial Ownership of approximately at least 6,003,208 shares of Common Stock (representing approximately 4.5 percent of all issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock, based on approximately 133,404,613 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of the Petition Date).

result in another entity or individual becoming or ceasing to be a Substantial Shareholder, the parties to such transaction must file with the Court, and serve upon the Notice Parties (as defined herein), an advance written declaration of the intended transfer of Common Stock, substantially in the form annexed to the Procedures as **Exhibit 1C** (each, a "Declaration of Intent to Transfer Common Stock," and together with a Declaration of Intent to Accumulate Common Stock, each a "Declaration of Proposed Transfer")

- d. The Debtors shall have fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of a Declaration of Proposed Transfer to file with the Court and serve on such Substantial Shareholder or potential Substantial Shareholder an objection to any proposed transfer of Common Stock described in the Declaration of Proposed Transfer on the grounds that such transfer might adversely affect the Debtors' ability to utilize their Tax Attributes.
 - i. If the Debtors timely object, the proposed transaction will remain ineffective unless such objection is withdrawn by the Debtors, or such transaction is approved by a final and nonappealable order of the Court.
 - ii. If the Debtors do not object, the proposed transaction may proceed solely as set forth in the Declaration of Proposed Transfer. Further transactions within the scope of these procedures must be the subject of additional notices in accordance with the procedures set forth herein, with an additional fifteen-day (15) waiting period for each Declaration of Proposed Transfer.

The following procedures apply to declarations of worthlessness of Common Stock:

e. Any person or entity that currently is or becomes a 50-Percent Shareholder³ must file with the Court and serve upon the Notice Parties a declaration of such status as a 50-Percent Shareholder, substantially in the form annexed to the Procedures as **Exhibit 1D** (each, a "Declaration of Status as a 50-Percent Shareholder"), on or before the later of (i) twenty (20) calendar days after the date of the Notice of Final Order and (ii) ten (10) calendar days after becoming a 50-Percent Shareholder; *provided* that, for the avoidance of doubt, the other procedures set forth herein shall apply to any 50-Percent Shareholder even if no Declaration of Status as a 50-Percent Shareholder has been filed.

For purposes of the Procedures, a "<u>50-Percent Shareholder</u>" is any person or entity that at any time since December 31, 2015 has owned Beneficial Ownership of 50 percent or more of the Common Stock of the Debtors (determined in accordance with section 382(g)(4)(D) of the IRC and the applicable Treasury Regulations thereunder).

- f. Prior to filing any federal or state tax return, or any amendment to such a return, or taking any other action that claims any deduction for worthlessness of Common Stock for a tax year ending before the Debtors' emergence from chapter 11 protection, such 50-Percent Shareholder must file with the Court and serve upon the Notice Parties a declaration of intent to claim a worthless stock deduction, substantially in the form annexed to the Procedures as **Exhibit 1E** (each, a "Declaration of Intent to Claim a Worthless Stock Deduction").
- g. The Debtors shall have fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of a Declaration of Intent to Claim a Worthless Stock Deduction to file with the Court and serve on such 50-Percent Shareholder an objection to any proposed claim of worthlessness described in the Declaration of Intent to Claim a Worthless Stock Deduction on the grounds that such claim might adversely affect the Debtors' ability to utilize their Tax Attributes.
 - iii. If the Debtors timely object, the filing of the tax return or amendment thereto with such claim will not be permitted unless approved by a final and non-appealable order of the Court, unless the Debtors withdraw such objection.
 - iv. If the Debtors do not object, the filing of the return or amendment with such claim will be permitted solely as described in the Declaration of Intent to Claim a Worthless Stock Deduction. Additional returns and amendments within the scope of these procedures must be the subject of additional notices as set forth herein, with an additional fifteen-day (15) waiting period. To the extent that the Debtors receive an appropriate Declaration of Intent to Claim a Worthless Stock Deduction and determine in their business judgment not to object, they shall provide notice of that decision as soon as is reasonably practicable to any statutory committee(s) appointed in these chapter 11 cases.

Notice Procedures

The following notice procedures apply to these Procedures:

h. No later than two business days following entry of the Final Order, the Debtors shall serve by first class mail the notice, substantially in the form of **Exhibit 1F** attached to these Procedures (the "Notice of Final Order"), on: (i) the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Lockbox 35, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn: Jane Leamy; (ii) counsel to any statutory committee appointed in these chapter 11 cases; and (iii) the registered and nominee holders of the Common Stock (with instructions to serve down to the beneficial holders of the Common Stock, as applicable).. Additionally, no later than two (2) business days following entry of the Final Order, the Debtors shall serve a Notice of Final

Order modified to reflect that the final order has been entered (as modified, the "Notice of Final Order") on the same entities that received the Notice of Interim Order.

- i. All registered and nominee holders of Common Stock shall be required to serve the Notice of Interim Order or Notice of Final Order, as applicable, on any holder for whose benefit such registered or nominee holder holds such Common Stock down the chain of ownership for all such holders of Common Stock.
- j. Any entity or individual, or broker or agent acting on such entity's or individual's behalf, who sells Common Stock to another entity or individual shall be required to serve a copy of the Notice of Interim Order or Notice of Final Order, as applicable, on such purchaser of such Common Stock, or any broker or agent acting on such purchaser's behalf.
- k. To the extent confidential information is required in any declaration described in these Procedures, such confidential information may be filed and served in redacted form; *provided* that any such declarations served on the Debtors *shall not* be in redacted form. The Debtors shall keep all information provided in such declarations strictly confidential and shall not disclose the contents thereof to any person except to the extent (i) necessary to respond to a petition or objection filed with the Court; (ii) otherwise required by law; or (iii) that the information contained therein is already public; *provided* that the Debtors may disclose the contents thereof to their professional advisors, who shall keep all such notices strictly confidential and shall not disclose the contents thereof to any other person, subject to further Court order. To the extent confidential information is necessary to respond to a petitioner objection filed with the Court, such confidential information shall be filed under seal or in a redacted form.

EXHIBIT 1A

Declaration of Status as a Substantial Shareholder

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In re:) Chapter 11
)
AKORN, INC., ¹) Case No. 20-11177 ()
	- .) (Joint Administration Requested)
	Debtors.)
) Re: Docket No

DECLARATION OF STATUS AS A SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDER²

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned party is/has become a Substantial Shareholder with respect to the common stock of Akorn, Inc. or of any Beneficial Ownership therein (the "Common Stock"). Akorn, Inc. is a debtor and debtor in possession in Case No. 20-11177 (____) pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court").

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, if any, are: Akorn, Inc. (7400); 10 Edison Street LLC (7890); 13 Edison Street LLC; Advanced Vision Research, Inc. (9046); Akorn (New Jersey), Inc. (1474); Akorn Animal Health, Inc. (6645); Akorn Ophthalmics, Inc. (6266); Akorn Sales, Inc. (7866); Clover Pharmaceuticals Corp. (3735); Covenant Pharma, Inc. (0115); Hi-Tech Pharmacal Co., Inc. (8720); Inspire Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (9022); Oak Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (6647); Olta Pharmaceuticals Corp. (3621); VersaPharm Incorporated (6739); VPI Holdings Corp. (6716); and VPI Holdings Sub, LLC. The location of the Debtors' service address is: 1925 W. Field Court, Suite 300, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045.

For purposes of these Procedures: (i) a "<u>Substantial Shareholder</u>" is any entity or individual that has Beneficial Ownership of at least approximately 6,003,208 shares of Common Stock (representing approximately 4.5% of all issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock); (ii) "<u>Beneficial Ownership</u>" will be determined in accordance with the applicable rules of sections 382 and 383 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. §§ 1–9834 as amended (the "<u>IRC</u>"), and the Treasury Regulations thereunder (other than Treasury Regulations Section 1.382-2T(h)(2)(i)(A)), and includes direct, indirect, and constructive ownership (*e.g.*, (1) a holding company would be considered to beneficially own all equity securities owned by its subsidiaries, (2) a partner in a partnership would be considered to beneficially own its proportionate share of any equity securities owned by such partnership, (3) an individual and such individual's family members may be treated as one individual, (4) persons and entities acting in concert to make a coordinated acquisition of equity securities may be treated as a single entity, and (5) a holder would be considered to beneficially own equity securities that such holder has an Option to acquire). An "<u>Option</u>" to acquire stock includes all interests described in Treasury Regulations Section 1.382-4(d)(9), including any contingent purchase right, warrant, convertible debt, put, call, stock subject to risk of forfeiture, contract to acquire stock, or similar interest, regardless of whether it is contingent or otherwise not currently exercisable.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, as of	, 2020, the undersigned
party currently has Beneficial Ownership of shares of Common	Stock. The following
table sets forth the date(s) on which the undersigned party acquired Benefic	cial Ownership of such
Common Stock:	

Number of Shares	Date Acquired

(Attach additional page or pages if necessary)

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the last four digits of the taxpayer identification number of the undersigned party are _____.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to that certain *Final Order*(I) Approving Notification and Hearing Procedures for Certain Transfers of and Declarations of Worthlessness with Respect to Common Stock and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. ___]
(the "Order"), this declaration (this "Declaration") is being filed with the Court and served upon the Notice Parties.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, under penalties of perjury, the undersigned party hereby declares that he or she has examined this Declaration and accompanying attachments (if any), and, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, this Declaration and any attachments hereto are true, correct, and complete.

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	Respectfully submitted,
	(Name of Substantial Shareholder)
	By:
	Name:Address:
	Telephone:Facsimile:
Dated:, 20	
(City) (State)	

EXHIBIT 1B

Declaration of Intent to Accumulate Common Stock

In re:)	Chapter 11
)	Chapter 11
AKORN, INC., et al., ¹)	Case No. 20-11177 ()
	Debtors.)	(Joint Administration Requested)
)	

DECLARATION OF INTENT TO ACCUMULATE COMMON STOCK²

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned party hereby provides notice of its intention to purchase, acquire, or otherwise accumulate (the "<u>Proposed Transfer</u>") one or more shares of common stock of Akorn, Inc. or of any Beneficial Ownership therein (the "<u>Common Stock</u>"). Akorn, Inc. is a debtor and debtor in possession in Case No. 20-11177 (____) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court").

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, if any, are: Akorn, Inc. (7400); 10 Edison Street LLC (7890); 13 Edison Street LLC; Advanced Vision Research, Inc. (9046); Akorn (New Jersey), Inc. (1474); Akorn Animal Health, Inc. (6645); Akorn Ophthalmics, Inc. (6266); Akorn Sales, Inc. (7866); Clover Pharmaceuticals Corp. (3735); Covenant Pharma, Inc. (0115); Hi-Tech Pharmacal Co., Inc. (8720); Inspire Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (9022); Oak Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (6647); Olta Pharmaceuticals Corp. (3621); VersaPharm Incorporated (6739); VPI Holdings Corp. (6716); and VPI Holdings Sub, LLC. The location of the Debtors' service address is: 1925 W. Field Court, Suite 300, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045.

For purposes of these Procedures: (i) a "Substantial Shareholder" is any entity or individual that has Beneficial Ownership of approximately at least 6,003,208 shares of Common Stock (representing approximately 4.5% of all issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock); (ii) "Beneficial Ownership" will be determined in accordance with the applicable rules of sections 382 and 383 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. §§ 1–9834 as amended (the "IRC"), and the Treasury Regulations thereunder (other than Treasury Regulations Section 1.382-2T(h)(2)(i)(A)), and includes direct, indirect, and constructive ownership (e.g., (1) a holding company would be considered to beneficially own all equity securities owned by its subsidiaries, (2) a partner in a partnership would be considered to beneficially own its proportionate share of any equity securities owned by such partnership, (3) an individual and such individual's family members may be treated as one individual, (4) persons and entities acting in concert to make a coordinated acquisition of equity securities may be treated as a single entity, and (5) a holder would be considered to beneficially own equity securities that such holder has an Option to acquire). An "Option" to acquire stock includes all interests described in Treasury Regulations Section 1.382-4(d)(9), including any contingent purchase right, warrant, convertible debt, put, call, stock subject to risk of forfeiture, contract to acquire stock, or similar interest, regardless of whether it is contingent or otherwise not currently exercisable.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, if applicable, on, 2020, the
undersigned party filed a Declaration of Status as a Substantial Shareholder with the Court and
served copies thereof as set forth therein.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the undersigned party currently has
Beneficial Ownership of shares of Common Stock.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Proposed Transfer, the
undersigned party proposes to purchase, acquire, or otherwise accumulate Beneficial Ownership
of shares of Common Stock or an Option with respect to shares of
Common Stock. If the Proposed Transfer is permitted to occur, the undersigned party will have
Beneficial Ownership of shares of Common Stock after such transfer becomes
effective.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the last four digits of the taxpayer
identification number of the undersigned party are
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to that certain Final Order
(I) Approving Notification and Hearing Procedures for Certain Transfers of and Declarations of
Worthlessness with Respect to Common Stock and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No]
(the "Order"), this declaration (this "Declaration") is being filed with the Court and served upon

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Order, the undersigned party acknowledges that it is prohibited from consummating the Proposed Transfer unless and until the undersigned party complies with the Procedures set forth therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Debtors have fifteen calendar days after receipt of this Declaration to object to the Proposed Transfer described herein. If the Debtors

the Notice Parties.

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timely file an objection, such Proposed Transfer will remain ineffective unless such objection is

withdrawn by the Debtors or the Court approves such transaction by a final and non-appealable

order. If the Debtors do not object within such fifteen-day period, then after expiration of such

period the Proposed Transfer may proceed solely as set forth in this Declaration.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any further transactions contemplated by the

undersigned party that may result in the undersigned party purchasing, acquiring, or otherwise

accumulating Beneficial Ownership of additional shares of Common Stock will each require an

additional notice filed with the Court and served in the same manner as this Declaration.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, under

penalties of perjury, the undersigned party hereby declares that he or she has examined this

Declaration and accompanying attachments (if any), and, to the best of his or her knowledge and

belief, this Declaration and any attachments hereto are true, correct, and complete.

Respectfully submitted,	
(Name of Declarant)	
By:	
Name:	
Address:	
Telephone:	

EXHIBIT 1C

Declaration of Intent to Transfer Common Stock

In re:)) Chapter 11
AKORN, INC., et al.,1) Case No. 20-11177 ()
	Debtors.) (Joint Administration Requested)

DECLARATION OF INTENT TO TRANSFER COMMON STOCK²

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned party hereby provides notice of its intention to sell, trade, or otherwise transfer (the "<u>Proposed Transfer</u>") one or more shares of common stock of Akorn, Inc. or of any Beneficial Ownership therein (the "<u>Common Stock</u>"). Akorn, Inc. is a debtor and debtor in possession in Case No. 20-11177 (____) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court").

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For purposes of these Procedures: (i) a "Substantial Shareholder" is any entity or individual that has Beneficial Ownership of approximately at least 6,003,208 shares of Common Stock (representing approximately 4.5% of all issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock); (ii) "Beneficial Ownership" will be determined in accordance with the applicable rules of sections 382 and 383 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. §§ 1–9834 as amended (the "IRC"), and the Treasury Regulations thereunder (other than Treasury Regulations Section 1.382-2T(h)(2)(i)(A)), and includes direct, indirect, and constructive ownership (e.g., (1) a holding company would be considered to beneficially own all equity securities owned by its subsidiaries, (2) a partner in a partnership would be considered to beneficially own its proportionate share of any equity securities owned by such partnership, (3) an individual and such individual's family members may be treated as one individual, (4) persons and entities acting in concert to make a coordinated acquisition of equity securities may be treated as a single entity, and (5) a holder would be considered to beneficially own equity securities that such holder has an Option to acquire). An "Option" to acquire stock includes all interests described in Treasury Regulations Section 1.382-4(d)(9), including any contingent purchase right, warrant, convertible debt, put, call, stock subject to risk of forfeiture, contract to acquire stock, or similar interest, regardless of whether it is contingent or otherwise not currently exercisable.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, if applicable, on, 2020, the
undersigned party filed a Declaration of Status as a Substantial Shareholder with the Court and
served copies thereof as set forth therein.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the undersigned party currently has
Beneficial Ownership of shares of Common Stock.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Proposed Transfer, the
undersigned party proposes to sell, trade, or otherwise transfer Beneficial Ownership of
shares of Common Stock or an Option with respect to shares of Common
Stock. If the Proposed Transfer is permitted to occur, the undersigned party will have Beneficial
Ownership of shares of Common Stock after such transfer becomes effective.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the last four digits of the taxpayer
identification number of the undersigned party are
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to that certain Final Order
(I) Approving Notification and Hearing Procedures for Certain Transfers of and Declarations of
Worthlessness with Respect to Common Stock and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No]

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Order, the undersigned party acknowledges that it is prohibited from consummating the Proposed Transfer unless and until the undersigned party complies with the Procedures set forth therein.

(the "Order"), this declaration (this "Declaration") is being filed with the Court and served upon

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Debtors have fifteen calendar days after receipt of this Declaration to object to the Proposed Transfer described herein. If the Debtors timely file an objection, such Proposed Transfer will remain ineffective unless such objection is

the Notice Parties.

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withdrawn by the Debtors or the Court approves such transaction by a final and non-appealable order. If the Debtors do not object within such fifteen-day period, then after expiration of such period the Proposed Transfer may proceed solely as set forth in this Declaration.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any further transactions contemplated by the undersigned party that may result in the undersigned party selling, trading, or otherwise transferring Beneficial Ownership of additional shares of Common Stock will each require an additional notice filed with the Court to be served in the same manner as this Declaration.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, under penalties of perjury, the undersigned party hereby declares that he or she has examined this Declaration and accompanying attachments (if any), and, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, this Declaration and any attachments hereto are true, correct, and complete.

	Respectfully submitted,
	(Name of Declarant)
	Ву:
	Name:Address:
	Telephone:Facsimile:
Dated:, 20	
(City) (State)	

EXHIBIT 1D

Declaration of Status as a 50-Percent Shareholder

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

	<u></u>	
In re:) Chapter 11	
AKORN, INC., et al., ¹) Case No. 20-11177 ()	
Debtors.) (Joint Administration Requested)	
DECLARATION OF STATUS AS A 50-PERCENT SHAREHOLDER ²		
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned party is/has become a 50-Percent		
Shareholder with respect to the common stock of A	Akorn, Inc. or of any Beneficial Ownership	
therein (the "Common Stock"). Akorn, Inc. is a deb	tor and debtor in possession in Case No. 20-	
11177 () in the United States Bankruptcy Court fo	or the District of Delaware (the "Court").	
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that	, as of, 2020, the undersigned	
party currently has Beneficial Ownership of	shares of Common Stock. The following	

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, if any, are: Akorn, Inc. (7400); 10 Edison Street LLC (7890); 13 Edison Street LLC; Advanced Vision Research, Inc. (9046); Akorn (New Jersey), Inc. (1474); Akorn Animal Health, Inc. (6645); Akorn Ophthalmics, Inc. (6266); Akorn Sales, Inc. (7866); Clover Pharmaceuticals Corp. (3735); Covenant Pharma, Inc. (0115); Hi-Tech Pharmacal Co., Inc. (8720); Inspire Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (9022); Oak Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (6647); Olta Pharmaceuticals Corp. (3621); VersaPharm Incorporated (6739); VPI Holdings Corp. (6716); and VPI Holdings Sub, LLC. The location of the Debtors' service address is: 1925 W. Field Court, Suite 300, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045.

For purposes of this Declaration: (i) a "50-Percent Shareholder" is any person or entity that at any time since December 31, 2015, has had Beneficial Ownership of 50 percent or more of the Common Stock (determined in accordance with IRC § 382(g)(4)(D) and the applicable Treasury Regulations); (ii) "Beneficial Ownership" will be determined in accordance with the applicable rules of sections 382 and 383 of the Internal Revenue Code (the "IRC"), and the Treasury Regulations thereunder (other than Treasury Regulations section 1.382-2T(h)(2)(i)(A)) and includes direct, indirect, and constructive ownership (e.g., (1) a holding company would be considered to beneficially own all equity securities owned by its subsidiaries, (2) a partner in a partnership would be considered to beneficially own its proportionate share of any equity securities owned by such partnership, (3) an individual and such individual's family members may be treated as one individual, (4) persons and entities acting in concert to make a coordinated acquisition of equity securities may be treated as a single entity, and (5) a holder would be considered to beneficially own equity securities that such holder has an Option (as defined herein) to acquire); and (iii) an "Option" to acquire stock includes all interests described in Treasury Regulations Section 1.382-4(d)(9), including any contingent purchase right, warrant, convertible debt, put, call, stock subject to risk of forfeiture, contract to acquire stock, or similar interest, regardless of whether it is contingent or otherwise not currently exercisable.

table sets forth the date(s) on which the undersigned party acquired Beneficial Ownership of such Common Stock:

Number of Shares	Date Acquired

(Attach additional page or pages if necessary)

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the last four digits of the taxpayer identification number of the undersigned party are ______.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to that certain *Final Order* (I) Approving Notification and Hearing Procedures for Certain Transfers of and Declarations of Worthlessness with Respect to Common Stock and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. ___] (the "Order"), this declaration (this "Declaration") is being filed with the Court and served upon the Notice Parties.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, under penalties of perjury, the undersigned party hereby declares that he or she has examined this Declaration and accompanying attachments (if any), and, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, this Declaration and any attachments hereto are true, correct, and complete.

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		Respectfully submitted,
		(Name of 50-Percent Shareholder)
		By:
		Name:Address:
		Telephone:Facsimile:
Dated:		
(City)	(State)	

EXHIBIT 1E

Declaration of Intent to Claim a Worthless Stock Deduction

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

)	
In re:)	Chapter 11
)	
AKORN, INC., et al., ¹)	Case No. 20-11177 ()
	D.L.)	
	Debtors.)	(Joint Administration Requested)
)	

DECLARATION OF INTENT TO CLAIM A WORTHLESS STOCK DEDUCTION²

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned party hereby provides notice of its intention to claim a worthless stock deduction (the "<u>Proposed Worthlessness Claim</u>") with respect to one or more shares of common stock of Akorn, Inc. or of any Beneficial Ownership therein (the "<u>Common Stock</u>"). Akorn, Inc. is a debtor and debtor in possession in Case No. 20-11177 (____) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "<u>Court</u>").

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, if any, are: Akorn, Inc. (7400); 10 Edison Street LLC (7890); 13 Edison Street LLC; Advanced Vision Research, Inc. (9046); Akorn (New Jersey), Inc. (1474); Akorn Animal Health, Inc. (6645); Akorn Ophthalmics, Inc. (6266); Akorn Sales, Inc. (7866); Clover Pharmaceuticals Corp. (3735); Covenant Pharma, Inc. (0115); Hi-Tech Pharmacal Co., Inc. (8720); Inspire Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (9022); Oak Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (6647); Olta Pharmaceuticals Corp. (3621); VersaPharm Incorporated (6739); VPI Holdings Corp. (6716); and VPI Holdings Sub, LLC. The location of the Debtors' service address is: 1925 W. Field Court, Suite 300, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045.

For purposes of this Declaration: (i) a "50-Percent Shareholder" is any person or entity that at any time since December 31, 2015, has had Beneficial Ownership of 50 percent or more of the Common Stock (determined in accordance with IRC § 382(g)(4)(D) and the applicable Treasury Regulations); (ii) "Beneficial Ownership" will be determined in accordance with the applicable rules of sections 382 and 383 of the Internal Revenue Code (the "IRC"), and the Treasury Regulations thereunder (other than Treasury Regulations section 1.382-2T(h)(2)(i)(A)) and includes direct, indirect, and constructive ownership (e.g., (1) a holding company would be considered to beneficially own all equity securities owned by its subsidiaries, (2) a partner in a partnership would be considered to beneficially own its proportionate share of any equity securities owned by such partnership, (3) an individual and such individual's family members may be treated as one individual, (4) persons and entities acting in concert to make a coordinated acquisition of equity securities may be treated as a single entity, and (5) a holder would be considered to beneficially own equity securities that such holder has an Option (as defined herein) to acquire); and (iii) an "Option" to acquire stock includes all interests described in Treasury Regulations Section 1.382-4(d)(9), including any contingent purchase right, warrant, convertible debt, put, call, stock subject to risk of forfeiture, contract to acquire stock, or similar interest, regardless of whether it is contingent or otherwise not currently exercisable.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the undersigned party currently has Beneficial Ownership of ______ shares of Common Stock.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Proposed Worthlessness Claim, the undersigned party proposes to declare that ______ shares of Common Stock became worthless during the tax year ending ______.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the last four digits of the taxpayer identification number of the undersigned party are ______.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to that certain *Final Order* (I) Approving Notification and Hearing Procedures for Certain Transfers of and Declarations of Worthlessness with Respect to Common Stock and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. ___] (the "Order"), this declaration (this "Declaration") is being filed with the Court and served upon the Notice Parties.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Order, the undersigned party acknowledges that the Debtors have fifteen calendar days after receipt of this Declaration to object to the Proposed Worthlessness Claim described herein. If the Debtors timely file an objection, such Proposed Worthlessness Claim will not be effective unless such objection is withdrawn by the Debtors or the Court approves such transaction by a final and non-appealable order. If the Debtors do not object within such fifteen-day period, then after expiration of such period the Proposed Worthlessness Claim may proceed solely as set forth in this Declaration.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any further claims of worthlessness contemplated by the undersigned party will each require an additional notice filed with the Court to be served in the same manner as this Declaration and are subject to an additional fifteen-day waiting period.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, under penalties of perjury, the undersigned party hereby declares that he or she has examined this Declaration and accompanying attachments (if any), and, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, this Declaration and any attachments hereto are true, correct, and complete.

	Respectfully submitted,
	(Name of Declarant)
	By:
	Name:Address:
	Telephone:Facsimile:
Dated:, 20	
(City) (State)	

EXHIBIT 1F

Notice of Final Order

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:) Chapter 11
AKORN, INC., et al.,1) Case No. 20-11177 ()
	Debtors.) (Joint Administration Requested)

NOTICE OF DISCLOSURE PROCEDURES
APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN HOLDERS OF COMMON
STOCK, DISCLOSURE PROCEDURES FOR TRANSFERS OF
AND DECLARATIONS OF WORTHLESSNESS WITH RESPECT TO
COMMON STOCK, AND FINAL HEARING ON THE APPLICATION THEREOF

TO: ALL ENTITIES (AS DEFINED BY SECTION 101(15) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE) THAT MAY HOLD BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF COMMON STOCK OF AKORN, INC. (THE "COMMON STOCK"):

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May 20, 2020 (the "Petition Date"), the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), filed petitions with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). Subject to certain exceptions, section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code operates as a stay of any act to obtain possession of property of or from the Debtors' estates or to exercise control over property of or from the Debtors' estates.

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, if any, are: Akorn, Inc. (7400); 10 Edison Street LLC (7890); 13 Edison Street LLC; Advanced Vision Research, Inc. (9046); Akorn (New Jersey), Inc. (1474); Akorn Animal Health, Inc. (6645); Akorn Ophthalmics, Inc. (6266); Akorn Sales, Inc. (7866); Clover Pharmaceuticals Corp. (3735); Covenant Pharma, Inc. (0115); Hi-Tech Pharmacal Co., Inc. (8720); Inspire Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (9022); Oak Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (6647); Olta Pharmaceuticals Corp. (3621); VersaPharm Incorporated (6739); VPI Holdings Corp. (6716); and VPI Holdings Sub, LLC. The location of the Debtors' service address is: 1925 W. Field Court, Suite 300, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that on the Petition Date, the Debtors filed the Debtors' Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (A) Approving Notification and Hearing Procedures for Certain Transfers of and Declarations of Worthlessness with Respect to Common Stock and (B) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. __] (the "Motion").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that on [_____], 2020, the Court entered the Final Order (A) Approving Notification and Hearing Procedures for Certain Transfers of and Declarations of Worthlessness with Respect to Common Stock and (B) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. __] (the "Order") approving procedures for certain transfers of and declarations of worthlessness with respect to Common Stock, set forth in Exhibit 1 attached to the Order (the "Procedures").²

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Order, a Substantial Shareholder may not consummate any purchase, sale, or other transfer of Common Stock or Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock in violation of the Procedures, any such transaction in violation of the Procedures shall be null and void *ab initio*, and certain remedial actions (including mandatory purchases or sales of Common Stock) may be required to restore the status quo.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Order, the Procedures shall apply to the holding and transfers of Common Stock or any Beneficial Ownership therein by a Substantial Shareholder or someone who may become a Substantial Shareholder.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Order, a 50-Percent Shareholder may not claim a worthless stock deduction with respect to Common Stock, or Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock, in violation of the Procedures, any such deduction in

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Order or the Motion, as applicable.

violation of the Procedures shall be null and void *ab initio*, and the 50-Percent Shareholder shall be required to file an amended tax return revoking such proposed deduction.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that upon the request of any entity, the proposed notice, claims, and solicitation agent for the Debtors, Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, 3d Floor, El Segundo, CA 90245, will provide a copy of the Order and a form of each of the declarations required to be filed by the Procedures in a reasonable period of time. Such declarations are also available via PACER on the Court's website at https://ecf.deb.uscourts.gov for a fee, or free of charge by accessing the Debtors' restructuring website at https://www.kccllc.net/akorn.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN THE ORDER SHALL CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE AUTOMATIC STAY PROVISIONS OF SECTION 362 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT ANY PROHIBITED PURCHASE, SALE, OTHER TRANSFER OF, OR DECLARATION OF WORTHLESSNESS WITH RESPECT TO COMMON STOCK, BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP THEREOF, OR OPTION WITH RESPECT THERETO IN VIOLATION OF THE ORDER IS PROHIBITED AND SHALL BE NULL AND VOID AB INITIO AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY CONTEMPT OR OTHER SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY THE COURT.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the requirements set forth in the Order are in addition to the requirements of applicable law and do not excuse compliance therewith.

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Wilmington, Delaware [DATE], 2020

/s/

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