

Cara Therapeutics, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
July 23, 2018

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d)**  
**of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 18, 2018**

**CARA THERAPEUTICS, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**of incorporation)**

**4 Stamford Plaza**

**001-36279**  
**(Commission**

**File Number)**

**75-3175693**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Identification No.)**

**06902**

**107 Elm Street, 9th Floor**

**Stamford, Connecticut**

**(Address of principal executive  
offices)**

**(Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (203) 406-3700**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2.):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On July 23, 2018, Cara Therapeutics, Inc. (the Company) closed an underwritten public offering of 5,175,000 shares of its common stock (the Offering). The shares were sold pursuant to an underwriting agreement, dated July 18, 2018 (the Underwriting Agreement), among the Company and Jefferies LLC and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, as representatives of the several underwriters named therein, at a price to the public of \$19.00 per share. The closing of the Offering included the issuance and sale of 675,000 additional shares of the Company's common stock pursuant to the full exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares. The gross proceeds to the Company from the Offering were \$98.3 million, before deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by the Company.

The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations, warranties, covenants and agreements by the Company, indemnification obligations of the Company and the underwriters, including for liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, other obligations of the parties and termination provisions. The representations, warranties and covenants contained in the Underwriting Agreement were made only for purposes of such agreement and as of specific dates, were solely for the benefit of the parties to the Underwriting Agreement, and may be subject to limitations agreed upon by the contracting parties.

The Offering was made by means of a written prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus forming part of a shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration Statement No. 333-216657), previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and declared effective by the SEC on March 24, 2017.

The Underwriting Agreement is filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, and the above description of the terms of the Underwriting Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to such exhibit. A copy of the opinion of Cooley LLP relating to the legality of the issuance and sale of the shares in the Offering is filed as Exhibit 5.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The disclosures contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy these securities, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such an offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or jurisdiction.

On July 18, 2018, the Company issued a press release announcing the pricing of the Offering. The press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

On July 23, 2018, the Company issued a press release announcing the closing of the Offering and the full exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares. The press release is filed as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description  |
|-------------|--|
| 1.1         | <u>Underwriting Agreement dated July 18, 2018.</u> |
| 5.1         | <u>Opinion of Cooley LLP.</u>                      |

- 23.1 Consent of Cooley LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
- 99.1 Press Release dated July 18, 2018.
- 99.2 Press Release dated July 23, 2018.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**CARA THERAPEUTICS, INC.**

By: /s/ Mani Mohindru, Ph.D.  
Mani Mohindru, Ph.D.  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting  
Officer)

Date: July 23, 2018