

**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): May 26, 2022

**APTEVO THERAPEUTICS INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**001-37746**  
(Commission File Number)

**81-1567056**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**2401 4th Avenue, Suite 1050**  
**Seattle, Washington**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**98121**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (206) 838-0500

**Not Applicable**  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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. below):

- 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).

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	APVO	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

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.**

As disclosed in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 7, 2022, Aptevo Therapeutics Inc. (the “Company”) previously received a letter from The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq”) indicating that the Company is not in compliance with Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(b)(1), which requires companies listed on The Nasdaq Capital Market to maintain a minimum of \$2,500,000 in stockholders’ equity for continued listing (the “Rule”). In accordance with the Nasdaq Listing Rules, the Company had 45 calendar days, or until May 16, 2022, to submit a plan to regain compliance with the Rule. The Company presented its plan to regain compliance with the Rule to the Nasdaq Staff within the required period and Nasdaq granted the Company an extension through September 28, 2022, to evidence full compliance with the Rule.

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**SIGNATURE**

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.

APTEVO THERAPEUTICS INC.

Date: May 31, 2022

By: /s/ Marvin L. White

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Marvin L. White

President and Chief Executive Officer