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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON D.C. 20549

FORM 8 K/A 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 25, 2017

The Medicines Company

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 000-31191 04-3324394
(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

8 Sylvan Way 07054

Parsippany, New Jersey

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (973) 290-6000

(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):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- oPre-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 o

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.

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Explanatory Note

This Current Report on Form 8-K/A (this "Amendment") is being filed as an amendment to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by The Medicines Company (the "Company") on June 1, 2017 (the "Original 8-K"). The Original 8-K was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") to report the results of the matters submitted to a vote by the Company's shareholders at the Company's 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on May 25, 2017 (the "Annual Meeting"). The sole purpose of this Amendment is to disclose, in accordance with Item 5.07(d) of Form 8-K, the Company's decision as to how frequently the Company will hold future shareholder advisory votes regarding named executive officer compensation. Except as set forth herein, no other modifications have been made to the Original 8-K.

Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

At the Annual Meeting, the Company's shareholders voted on, among other matters, an advisory proposal concerning the frequency of future advisory votes on named executive officer compensation. As reported in the Original 8-K, more than a majority of the votes cast by the stockholders were in favor of holding future advisory votes on named executive officer compensation once every year. Based on these results, the Company intends to hold the advisory vote on named executive officer compensation once every year. The Company intends to continue holding such advisory votes once every year until the next required vote on the frequency of advisory votes on named executive officer compensation, which will be no later than the Company's annual meeting of stockholders in 2023, or until the Board of Directors otherwise determines that a different frequency for such advisory votes is in the best interests of the Company.

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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.

THE

MEDICINES COMPANY

Date:

October /s/ Stephen 20, M. Rodin

2017

Stephen M. Rodin Executive

Vice

President and

General

Counsel

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