

Cara Therapeutics, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
May 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): May 23, 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**

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**107 Elm Street, 9<sup>th</sup> 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 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On May 23, 2018, Cara Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing its entry into a license agreement with Vifor Fresenius Medical Care Renal Pharma Ltd, and the Company's related conference call to be held at 8:30 a.m. EDT on May 23, 2018. Copies of the press release and the presentation to be discussed on the conference call are furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and Exhibit 99.2, respectively, to this Current Report on Form 8-K and are incorporated by reference. The information furnished under this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1 and Exhibit 99.2, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or subject to the liabilities of that section. The information shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any other filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission made by the Company, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

**Exhibit**

**No.**

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| 99.1 | <u>Press release dated May 23, 2018.</u> |
| 99.2 | <u>Presentation dated May 23, 2018.</u>  |

**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  
Mani Mohindru, Ph.D.  
Chief Financial Officer and Chief Strategy  
Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting  
Officer)

Date: May 23, 2018