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): February 27, 2024

ARCH THERAPEUTICS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

> 235 Walnut Street, Suite 6 Framingham, Massachusetts (Address of principal executive offices)

000-54986 (Commission File Number) 46-0524102 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

01702 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 431-2313

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)

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□ 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))

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

| | | Name of each exchange on which |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Title of each class | Trading Symbol(s) | registered |
| N A | N A | N A |

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR 230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.12b-2). Emerging growth company \Box

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. \Box

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

On February 27, 2024, a purchaser party (the "Advancing Purchaser") to the previously disclosed Securities Purchase Agreement (the "SPA") dated November 8, 2023, among Arch Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company") and the purchasers party thereto, advanced the Company an aggregate of \$250,000 (the "Advance"), which Advance is being treated as partial prepayment of the purchase price for the Advancing Purchaser under the SPA.

The Advance included the following terms: (i) if the Closing (as defined in the SPA) does not occur on or before March 31, 2024, the Advancing Purchaser shall have the option, in lieu of being repaid the Advance, to purchase (A) pre-funded warrants to purchase up to an aggregate of 484,966 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock") (using the SPA pre-funded warrant purchase price of \$0.5155 per pre-funded warrant) and (B) common warrants to purchase up to an aggregate of 484,966 shares of Common Stock (using the 100% warrant coverage provided in the SPA), in satisfaction of the Company's obligation to repay the Advance to the Advancing Purchaser and (ii) if the Common Stock has not been approved by Nasdaq for listing on Nasdaq Capital Market by March 31, 2024, then by no later than April 2, 2024, the Company shall issue to the Advancing Purchaser (A) additional prefunded warrants to purchase up to an aggregate of 121,241 shares of Common Stock.

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.

ARCH THERAPEUTICS, INC.

Dated: March 1, 2024

By: /s/ Terrence W. Norchi, M.D.

Name: Terrence W. Norchi, M.D. Title: President, Chief Executive Officer