

PRA Health Sciences, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
August 20, 2018

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)**  
**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **August 16, 2018**

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**PRA Health Sciences, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-36732**  
(Commission File Number)

**46-3640387**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**4130 ParkLake Avenue**

**Suite 400**

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**Raleigh, NC 27612**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(919) 786-8200**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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:

- 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.

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On August 16, 2018, in connection with the expiration of Colin Shannon's prior employment agreement, PRA Health Sciences, Inc. (the Company) entered into a new employment agreement with Mr. Shannon (the Employment Agreement), dated August 16, 2018, and effective as of July 1, 2018.

*Employment Agreement*

Pursuant to the Employment Agreement, Mr. Shannon's initial annual base salary will be \$950,000 and he will be eligible to earn an annual cash bonus with a target annual bonus opportunity equal to 60% of his base salary for such year. Mr. Shannon will be entitled to the same benefits and perquisites provided to the Company's senior executives, including participation in all executive compensation plans, as disclosed in the Company's definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 20, 2018.

In the event that Mr. Shannon's employment is terminated by the Company without cause or Mr. Shannon resigns for good reason (each as defined in the Employment Agreement), then, subject to Mr. Shannon's execution of a release of claims in favor of the Company, he will be entitled to (a) an amount equal to the sum of (i) his annual base salary, plus (ii) an amount equal to his target annual bonus for the calendar year immediately preceding the date of his termination (the Severance Amount), payable in substantially equal installments over the 12-month period following his termination, (b) 12 months of continued medical, dental and other health benefit coverage with the same employee cost-sharing provided to employees generally and (c) all accrued but unpaid obligations. In the event that such termination occurs on or prior to the expiration of the one-year period immediately following a Change in Control (as defined in the PRA Health Sciences, Inc. 2018 Stock Incentive Plan (the 2018 Plan)), Mr. Shannon will be entitled to (a) a lump-sum payment equal to two times the Severance Amount, payable within 15 days of termination of employment, (b) 24 months of continued medical, dental and other health benefit coverage with the same employee cost-sharing provided to employees generally and (c) all accrued but unpaid obligations.

Under the Employment Agreement, termination benefits will be delivered to Mr. Shannon in full or to such lesser extent as would result in no portion of such termination benefits being subject to the excise tax imposed by the golden parachute rules of Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, whichever of the foregoing amounts, after taking into account all applicable taxes, results in the greatest amount of termination benefits on an after-tax basis. Additionally, during Mr. Shannon's employment with the Company and for the one-year period following his termination for any reason, Mr. Shannon is subject to non-competition and non-solicitation covenants. Mr. Shannon is also subject to confidentiality and non-disparagement covenants during and after his employment.

*Equity Grants*

On August 16, 2018, the board of directors of the Company granted to Mr. Shannon 90,000 non-qualified stock options, with an exercise price of \$102.44, issued under the 2018 Plan pursuant to an option grant notice and option agreement (the NQSO Grant). The options vest 25% on each anniversary of the grant date, subject to Mr. Shannon's continued employment through the applicable vesting date (with acceleration of vesting for the portion of the options that would have become vested and exercisable on the next scheduled vesting date in the event of Mr. Shannon's death or disability as defined in the 2018 Plan), and expire on August 16, 2028. The award agreement for the NQSO Grant also contains certain restrictive covenants.

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On August 16, 2018, the board of directors of the Company also granted to Mr. Shannon 30,000 shares of restricted stock issued under the 2018 Plan pursuant to a restricted stock grant notice and restricted stock agreement (the RSA Grant ). The shares of restricted stock vest on the third anniversary of the grant date, subject to Mr. Shannon s continued employment through the applicable vesting date (with full acceleration upon Mr. Shannon s death or disability or a qualifying termination as defined in the 2018 Plan). The award agreement for the RSA Grant also contains certain restrictive covenants.

The foregoing summaries of the Employment Agreement, the NQSO Grant and the RSA Grant do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the Employment Agreement, the form of option grant notice and option agreement, and the form of restricted stock grant notice and restricted stock agreement, respectively, copies of which are filed as Exhibits 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3, respectively, to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.1	<u>Employment Agreement between PRA Health Sciences, Inc. and Colin Shannon, dated August 16, 2018.</u>
10.2	<u>Form of Option Grant Notice and Option Agreement under the PRA Health Sciences, Inc. 2018 Stock Incentive Plan.</u>
10.3	<u>Form of Restricted Stock Grant Notice and Restricted Stock Agreement under the PRA Health Sciences, Inc. 2018 Stock Incentive Plan.</u>

**Signatures**

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

PRA Health Sciences, Inc.

Date: August 20, 2018

By: /s/ Timothy J. McClain  
Name: Timothy J. McClain  
Title: Senior Vice President of Legal Affairs