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 14, 2024

CNS Pharmaceuticals. Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

001-39126 (Commission File Number)

82-2318545 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2100 West Loop South, Suite 900

Houston, Texas 77027

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (800) 946-9185

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 kee 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)

Π 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.

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

| Title of each class | Trading Symbols(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered |
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| Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share | CNSP | The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC |

Item 3.01 Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continued Listing Rule.

On August 17, 2023, CNS Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Company") received a letter (the "Letter") from the staff of the Listing Qualifications Department (the "Staff") of The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq"), which notified the Company that it does not presently comply with Nasdaq's Listing Rule 5550(b) (the "Listing Rule"), which requires that the Company maintain a minimum of \$2.5 million in stockholders' equity, in the event that the Company also does not meet the alternatives of market value of listed securities or net income from continuing operations set forth in the Listing Rule. Based on the Staff's review and the materials provided to the Staff by the Company, the Staff granted the Company's request for an extension until February 13, 2024, to comply with this requirement.

On February 14, 2024, the Staff notified the Company that it had not complied with the Listing Rule and as such did not meet the terms of the extension. The Staff letter stated that unless the Company timely requests a hearing before a Hearings Panel (the "Panel"), the Company would be subject to delisting. Accordingly, the Company intends to timely request a hearing before the Panel. The hearing request will automatically stay any suspension or delisting action pending the hearing and the expiration of any additional extension period granted by the Panel following the hearing. In that regard, the Panel has the discretion to grant the Company an extension not to exceed August 12, 2024. Notwithstanding, there can be no assurance that the Panel will grant the Company a further extension or that the Company will ultimately regain compliance with all applicable requirements for continued listing on The Nasdaq Capital Market.

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.

CNS Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

By: <u>/s/ Chris Downs</u> Chris Downs Chief Financial Officer

Dated: February 21, 2024

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