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

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Better Choice Company Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) **12400 Race Track Road, Tampa, Florida** (Address of Principal Executive Offices) 83-4284557

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) **33626**

(Zip Code)

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

AMENDED AND RESTATED 2019 INCENTIVE AWARD PLAN

(Full title of the plan)

Scott Lerner

Chief Executive Officer

12400 Race Track Road

Tampa, FL 33626

(813) 659-5921

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copy to:

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer 🛛

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer 🗵

Smaller reporting company 🗵

Emerging growth company $\ \square$

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 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act. \Box

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered (1)	Proposed maximum offering price per share	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price	Amount of registration fee
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share	250,336 (2)	\$ 4.56 (3)	\$ 1,141,532.16	\$ 124.54
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share	2,449,664 (4)	\$ 6.26 (5)	\$ 15,334,896.64	\$ 1,673.04
Total:	2,700,000	\$ 6.10	\$ 16,476,428.80	\$ 1,797.58

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), this Registration Statement shall also cover any additional shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Common Stock"), of Better Choice Company Inc. (the "Company") that may become issuable under the Company's 2019 Amended and restated Incentive Award Plan (the "2019 Plan") by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction effected without receipt of consideration that increases the number of outstanding shares of Common Stock.
- (2) Issuable under options and other share incentive awards that may be granted in the future under the 2019 Plan.
- (3) Estimated solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rules 457(h) and 457(c) of the Securities Act, and based upon the average of the high and low sales prices (\$ 4.78 and \$4.34) of the Common Stock as reported on the NYSE American on July 12, 2021.
- (4) Represents shares of Common Stock underlying currently outstanding options granted under the 2019 Plan.
- (5) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) and 457(h) of the Securities Act, and based upon the weighted-average exercise price for options to purchase Common Stock outstanding under the 2019 Plan.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

ITEM 1. PLAN INFORMATION*

ITEM 2. REGISTRANT INFORMATION AND EMPLOYEE PLAN ANNUAL INFORMATION*

* The documents containing the information specified in this Part I of Form S-8 (plan information and registration information and employee plan annual information) will be sent or given to employees as specified by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") pursuant to Rule 428(b)(1) of the Securities Act. Such documents are not required to be and are not filed with the Commission either as part of this registration statement (this "Registration Statement") or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424. These documents and the documents incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II hereof, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act. The Company will provide a written statement to participants advising them of the availability without charge, upon written or oral request, of the documents incorporated by reference in Item 3 of Part II hereof and including the statement in the preceding sentence. The written statement to all participants will indicate the availability without charge, upon written or oral request, of other documents required to be delivered pursuant to Rule 428(b), and will include the address and telephone number to which the request is to be directed.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

ITEM 3. INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE.

The following documents, which have been filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), are incorporated by reference in, and shall be deemed to be a part of, this Registration Statement:

- Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020 filed with the SEC on March 30, 2021;
- Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2021 filed with the SEC on May 13, 2021;
- All other reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since the end of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020; and
- The description of our Common Stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A12B, filed with the SEC on June 9, 2021, as updated in the section titled "Description of Capital Stock" beginning on page 80 of the Company's final prospectus, dated June 29, 2021, filed with the SEC on June 30,2021, as well as any additional amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All reports and other documents filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date hereof and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered pursuant to this Registration Statement have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents or reports.

For purposes of this Registration Statement, any document or any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated herein by reference shall be deemed to be modified or superseded to the extent that a subsequently filed document or a statement contained therein, or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference, modifies or supersedes such document or such statement in such document. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

ITEM 4. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES.

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. INTERESTS OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL.

Not applicable.

ITEM 6. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

Subsection (a) of Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL") empowers a corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or who is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the person's conduct was unlawful.

Subsection (b) of Section 145 empowers a corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that the person acted in any of the capacities set forth above, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

Section 145 further provides that to the extent a director or officer of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in subsections (a) and (b) of Section 145, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith; that indemnification provided for by Section 145 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the indemnified party may be entitled; and the indemnification provided for by Section 145 shall, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of such person's heirs, executors and administrators. Section 145 also empowers the corporation to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liabilities under Section 145.

Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL provides that a corporation's certificate of incorporation may contain a provision eliminating or limiting the personal liability of a director to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, provided that such provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under Section 174 of the DGCL, or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

Additionally, our Certificate of Incorporation limits the liability of our directors to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL, and our Bylaws provide that no director shall have liability by reason of being director to the extent that person performs his duties in compliance with the Bylaws. We have entered into and expect to continue to enter into agreements to indemnify our directors, executive officers and other employees as determined by our board of directors. Under the terms of such indemnification agreements, we are required to indemnify each of our directors and officers, to the fullest extent permitted by the laws of the state of Delaware, if the basis of the indemnitee's involvement was by reason of the fact that the indemnitee is or was our director or officer or was serving at our request in an official capacity for another entity. We must indemnify our officers and directors against all expenses actually and reasonably incurred in connection with prosecuting, defending, preparing to prosecute or defend, investigating, being or preparing to be witness in, settlement or appeal of, or otherwise participating in any threatened, pending or completed action, suit, claim, counterclaim, cross claim, arbitration, mediation, alternate dispute resolution mechanism, investigation, inquiry, administrative hearing or any other actual, threatened or completed proceeding. The indemnification agreements also require us to advance, to the extent not prohibited by law, all direct and indirect costs, fees and expenses that such arrectors or officer incurred. Any claims for indemnification by our directors and officers may reduce our available funds to satisfy successful third-party claims against us and may reduce the amount of money available to us.

Our Certificate of Incorporation also permits us to purchase and maintain director or officer liability insurance. We maintain such liability insurance for our directors and officers in order to limit our exposure to liability for indemnification of such persons.

The foregoing is only a general summary of certain aspects of Delaware law and our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws, and does not purport to be complete. It is qualified in its entirety by reference to the detailed provisions of the DGCL and our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws.

ITEM 7. EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION CLAIMED.

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. EXHIBITS.

Exhibit	Exhibit Description
<u>5.1*</u>	Opinion of Meister Seelig & Fein LLP
<u>23.1*</u>	Consent of Meister Seelig & Fein LLP (included in exhibit 5.1)
<u>23.2*</u>	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP
<u>24.1*</u>	Power of Attorney (included on signature page to this registration statement)
<u>99.1</u>	Better Choice Company Inc. Amended and Restated 2019 Incentive Award Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.19 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on May 4, 2020)
<u>99.2</u>	Form of 2019 Incentive Award Plan Stock Option Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the Registration Statement of Form S-1 filed on October 28, 2019)

* Filed herewith

ITEM 9. UNDERTAKINGS.

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) shall not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-8, and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the SEC by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any

action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized in the City of Tampa, State of Florida on July 16, 2021.

BETTER CHOICE COMPANY INC.

Date: July 16, 2021

By: /S/ SHARLA A. COOK

Sharla A. Cook Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Sharla A. Cook his/her true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution and resubstitution for him/her and in his/her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities to sign any and all amendments to this registration statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact or his/her substitute, each acting alone, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue thereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, as amended, this Report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
<u>/S/ SCOTT LERNER</u> Scott Lerner	Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	July 16, 2021
<u>/S/ SHARLA A. COOK</u> Sharla A. Cook	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	July 16, 2021
<u>/s/ MICHAEL YOUNG</u> Michael Young	Director	July 16, 2021
<u>/s/ JEFF D. DAVIS</u> Jeff D. Davis	Director	July 16, 2021
<u>/s/ GIL FRONZAGLIA</u> Gil Fronzaglia	Director	July 16, 2021
<u>/s/ LORI TAYLOR</u> Lori Taylor	Director	July 16, 2021
<u>/s/ JOHN M. WORD III</u> John M. Word III	Director	July 16, 2021



Re: 2019 Amended and Restated Incentive Award Plan

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Better Choice Company Inc., a Delaware corporation (the <u>Company</u>") in connection with the registration by the Company of an aggregate of 2,700,000 shares of its common stock, \$0.001 par value per share (the <u>"Shares</u>"), issuable under the Company's 2019 Amended and Restated Incentive Award Plan (the <u>"Plan</u>"). The Shares are included in a registration statement on Form S-8 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on July 16, 2021 (the "Registration Statement"). This opinion is being furnished in connection with the requirements of Item 601(b) (5) of Regulation S-K under the Act, and no opinion is expressed herein as to any matter pertaining to the contents of the Registration Statement or the related prospectuses, other than as expressly stated herein with respect to the issuance of the Shares.

In that connection, we have reviewed originals or copies identified to our satisfaction of the following documents (collectively, the "Documents"):

- a. The Registration Statement and related prospectus;
- b. The Plan;
- c. The certificate of incorporation of the Company, filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 initially filed with the Commission on May 24, 2021 (as amended, the "Form S-1"), as filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on January 4, 2019, as amended by those certain certificates of amendment filed as Exhibits 3.2 3.5 to the Form S-1, as filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on February 5, 2019, March 14, 2019, April 22, 2019, July 31, 2020, respectively (collectively, the "Certificate of Incorporation"), the certificate of designations, powers, preferences and other rights of preferred stock and qualifications limitations and restrictions thereof of Series F Preferred Stock of the Company, in the form filed as Exhibit 3.10 to the Form S-1 (the <u>Certificate of Designations</u>" and together with the Certificate of Incorporation, the "Coverning Documents"), all as certified by an officer of the Company as of a recent date; and
- d. Resolutions adopted by the Company's board of directors and stockholders adopting the Plan and authorizing the issuance of awards and Shares thereunder, as certified by an officer of the Company as of a recent date;

The opinions set forth herein are subject to the following qualifications, which are in addition to any other qualifications contained herein:

- A. We have assumed without verification the genuineness of all signatures on all documents, the authority of the parties (other than the Company) executing such documents, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, and the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies.
- B. The opinions set forth herein are based on existing laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, court and administrative decisions as they presently have been interpreted and we can give no assurances that our opinions would not be different after any change in any of the foregoing occurring after the date hereof.
- C. We have assumed without verification that, with respect to the minutes of any meetings of the stockholders of the Company or of the Board of Directors or any committees thereof of the Company that we have examined, due notice of the meetings was given or duly waived, the minutes accurately and completely reflect all actions taken at the meetings and a quorum was present and acting throughout the meetings.
- D. We have assumed without verification the accuracy and completeness of the information contained in (i) the Registration Statement (including but not limited to statements therein as to the number of shares of



common stock issued and outstanding), as well as all of the other Documents and (ii) all corporate records made available to us by the Company.

- E. We have assumed that the form of certificates representing the Shares to be issued pursuant to the Plan will conform to the applicable requirements of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL") and the Governing Documents.
- F. We express no opinion herein as to the laws of any state or jurisdiction other than the DGCL and the federal laws of the United States of America. As to matters governed by the laws specified in the foregoing sentence, we have relied exclusively on the latest standard compilations of such statutes and laws as reproduced in commonly accepted unofficial publications available to us. The opinions herein are as of the date hereof and are based on current law and facts and circumstances. We have no obligation, and expressly decline any undertaking, to revise or supplement this opinion or otherwise advise you should applicable law or the existing facts and circumstances change.

Based on the foregoing, upon the assumptions that there will be no changes in the documents we have examined and the other matters referred to above, we are of the opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized for issuance and, when the Shares are issued and paid for in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Plan, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

It is understood that this opinion is to be used only in connection with the offer and sale of the Shares while the Registration Statement is in effect.

Please note that we are opining only as to the matters expressly set forth herein, and no opinion should be inferred as to any other matters.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion with the Commission in connection with the Registration Statement in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act. In giving such consent, we do not hereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Meister Seelig & Fein LLP

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement pertaining to the Amended and Restated 2019 Incentive Award Plan of Better Choice Company Inc. of our report dated March 30, 2021, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Better Choice Company Inc. included in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2020, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Louisville, Kentucky July 16, 2021