

ENSIGN GROUP, INC  
Form 8-K  
March 06, 2012

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 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): March 1, 2012

The Ensign Group, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-33757

33-0861263

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

27101 Puerta Real, Suite 450, Mission Viejo, CA

92,691

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(949) 487-9500

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



Item 8.01 Other Events.

On March 5, 2012, the Ensign Group, Inc. (the “Company”) announced that its urgent care joint venture, Immediate Clinic LLC, has acquired Doctors Express, a national urgent care franchise system. The asset acquisition was paid for with cash and a minority ownership interest in the units of the Immediate Clinic subsidiary that purchased Doctors Express. These units include certain put rights that are guaranteed by the Company and are exercisable by the seller after 3 years or automatically upon the achievement of certain financial targets. To date, the Company has committed \$4 million cash to its urgent care venture, a portion of which was used to fund the initial investment in Doctors Express. A copy of the press release relating to the acquisition of the assets described herein is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

The foregoing information in this Current Report is being furnished and shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of such section. The foregoing information in this Current Report, including the related exhibit attached hereto, shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description                  |
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| 99.1        | Press Release of the Company |

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.

THE ENSIGN GROUP, INC.

/s/ SUZANNE D. SNAPPER  
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: March 5, 2012

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