

ENSIGN GROUP, INC
 Form 8-K
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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 6, 2019

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 92691

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (949) 487-9500

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- 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 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. o

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 6, 2019 The Ensign Group, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release reporting the financial results of the Company for its year ended December 31, 2018. A copy of the press release is attached to this Current Report as Exhibit 99.1.

The press release includes “non-GAAP financial measures.” Specifically, the press release refers to EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDAR. EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDAR are supplemental non-GAAP financial measures. Regulation G, Conditions for Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures, and other provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, define and prescribe the conditions for use of certain non-GAAP financial information. EBITDA consists of net income before (a) interest expense, net, (b) provisions for income taxes and (c) depreciation and amortization. Adjusted EBITDA consists of net income before (a) interest expense, net, (b) provisions for income taxes, (c) depreciation and amortization, (d) earnings related to operations currently being constructed and other start-up operations, excluding depreciation and amortization, interest and income taxes, (e) results of closed operations and facilities not at full operation, excluding depreciation and amortization, interest and income taxes, (f) share-based compensation expense, (g) return of unclaimed class action settlement and charges related to class action lawsuit, (h) losses and business interruption recoveries related to Hurricane Harvey and the California fires, (i) impairment of goodwill and long-lived assets, (j) bonus accrual as a result of the Tax Act, (k) professional fees associated with income tax credits, tax reform impacts and adoption of the new revenue recognition standard and (l) transaction-related costs. Adjusted EBITDAR consists of net income before (a) interest expense, net, (b) provisions for income taxes, (c) depreciation and amortization, (d) rent-cost of services, (e) earnings related to facilities currently being constructed and other start-up operations, excluding rent, depreciation and amortization, interest and income taxes, (f) results of closed operation and facilities not at full operation, excluding rent, depreciation and amortization, interest and income taxes, (g) share-based compensation expense, (h) return of unclaimed class action settlement and charges related to class action lawsuit, (i) losses and business interruption recoveries related to Hurricane Harvey and the California fires, (j) impairment of goodwill and long-lived assets, (k) bonus accrual as a result off the Tax Act, (l) professional fees associated with income tax credits, tax reform impacts and adoption of the new revenue recognition standard and (m) transaction-related costs. The company believes that the presentation of EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted EBITDAR, adjusted net income and adjusted earnings per share provides important supplemental information to management and investors to evaluate the company’s operating performance. The company believes disclosure of adjusted net income, adjusted net income per share, EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDAR has economic substance because they excluded revenues and expenses are infrequent in nature and are variable in nature, or do not represent current revenues or cash expenditures. A material limitation associated with the use of these measures as compared to the GAAP measures of net income and diluted earnings per share is that they may not be comparable with the calculation of net income and diluted earnings per share for other companies in the company's industry. These non-GAAP financial measures should not be relied upon to the exclusion of GAAP financial measures. For further information regarding why the company believes that this non-GAAP measure provides useful information to investors, the specific manner in which management uses this measure, and some of the limitations associated with the use of this measure, please refer to the company's periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. The company's periodic filings are available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov or under the "Financial Information" link of the Investor Relations section on Ensign's website at <http://www.ensigngroup.net>.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.
(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release of the Company dated February 6, 2019

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.

Dated: February 12, 2019 THE ENSIGN
GROUP, INC.
/s/
By: Suzanne
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Chief
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