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Form 8-K  
March 12, 2007

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): March 12, 2007

ProAssurance Corporation  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State of Incorporation)                      001-16533  
(Commission File No.)                      63-1261433  
(IRS Employer I.D. No.)

100 Brookwood Place, Birmingham, Alabama  
(Address of Principal Executive Office)                      35209  
(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (205) 877-4400

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 Securities Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-(c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.13e-(c))

Item 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On March 12, 2007 we issued a news release announcing the confidential settlement, subject to expected final court approval, of a previously-announced medical malpractice verdict in Tampa. We currently believe there will be no material adverse effect on first quarter results because of this settlement. A copy of that news release, containing important risk factors, is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this filing.

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Item 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

99.1 News release, dated March 12, 2007, announcing settlement of a medical malpractice verdict, subject to expected final court approval.

We are furnishing exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K in accordance with item 7.01, Regulation FD Disclosure. The exhibit shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liability of such section, nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, regardless of the general incorporation language of such filing, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing. (d) Exhibits

Date: March 12, 2007

PROASSURANCE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Frank B. O'Neil

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Frank B. O'Neil  
Senior Vice-President