

ENSIGN GROUP, INC  
Form 8-K  
May 11, 2011

**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): May 4, 2011**

**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 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))
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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On May 4, 2011, The Ensign Group, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release reporting the financial results of the Company for its first quarter ended March 31, 2011. 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 and EBITDAR. EBITDA and 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. EBITDAR consists of net income before (a) interest expense, net, (b) provisions for income taxes, (c) depreciation and amortization, and (d) facility rent-cost of services. The Company believes that the presentation of EBITDA and EBITDAR provides important supplemental information to management and investors to evaluate the Company s operating performance. The Company believes disclosure of adjusted non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP diluted earnings per share has economic substance because the excluded expenses are infrequent in nature and are variable in nature, or do not represent current 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 Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC. The Form 10-Q is available on the SEC s website at [www.sec.gov](http://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 May 4, 2010 |

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**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: May 10, 2011

THE ENSIGN GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Suzanne D. Snapper  
Suzanne D. Snapper  
Chief Financial Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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