

# **ENSIGN GROUP, INC**

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## **FORM 4**

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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| Address     | 27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450<br>MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691 |
| Telephone   | (949) 487-9500  |
| CIK         | 0001125376  |
| Symbol      | ENSG  |
| SIC Code    | 8051 - Skilled Nursing Care Facilities                  |
| Industry    | Healthcare Facilities & Services                        |
| Sector      | Healthcare  |
| Fiscal Year | 12/31   |

# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |  |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol       |  |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)   |  |  |
| <b>Port Barry</b>                         |  |  | <b>ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ ENSG ]</b>                 |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)<br><b>Vice President</b> |  |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                   |  |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)      |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450</b>       |  |  | <b>5/25/2017</b>                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Street)                                  |  |  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) |  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  |  |  |
| <b>MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691</b>            |  |  |   |  |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |  |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)                      |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution<br>Date, if any | 3. Trans. Code<br>(Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |               |         | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>Following Reported Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr.<br>4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|------------------------------------|----------------|---|------------------------------|---|---|---------------|---------|---|---|---|
|                                    |                |   | Code                         | V | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D) | Price   |   |   |   |
| Common Stock                       | 5/25/2017      |   | A                            |   | 3200<br>(1)   | A             | \$18.64 | 125642  | D   |   |

### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivate<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Trans.<br>Date | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution<br>Date, if any | 4. Trans.<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date |           | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Securities Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership<br>Form of<br>Derivative<br>Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr.<br>4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|--|--|-------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------|--|--------------------|---|--|---|--|
|  |  |                   |   | Code                            | V |   | (A)  | (D)       | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date |   |  |   |  |
| Employee Stock<br>Option (right to<br>buy)     | \$18.64  | 5/25/2017         |   | A                               |   | 8000  | 5/25/2018<br>(2)                           | 5/25/2027 | Common<br>Stock  | 8000.0             | \$0   | 8000   | D   |  |

#### Explanation of Responses:

- (1) These shares vest in five annual installments beginning May 25, 2017.  
(2) This option vests in five equal annual installments beginning on May 25, 2017

#### Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| <b>Port Barry</b><br><b>27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450</b><br><b>MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691</b> |               |           | <b>Vice President</b> |       |

#### Signatures

/s/ **Chad A. Keetch, as power of attorney**

**5/30/2017**

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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