

ENSIGN GROUP, INC
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FORM 5

(Annual Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Keetch Chad <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> 27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450 <small>(Street)</small> MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691 <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Executive VP and Secretary
3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended <small>(MM/DD/YYYY)</small> 12/31/2016		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned		

1. Title of Security <small>(Instr. 3)</small>	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. Code <small>(Instr. 8)</small>	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) <small>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</small>			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) <small>(Instr. 3 and 4)</small>	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) <small>(Instr. 4)</small>	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership <small>(Instr. 4)</small>
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	11/15/2016		G	6534	D	\$0	42241	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)														
1. Title of Derivate Security <small>(Instr. 3)</small>	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. Code <small>(Instr. 8)</small>	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) <small>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</small>		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date <small>(MM/DD/YYYY)</small>		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security <small>(Instr. 3 and 4)</small>		8. Price of Derivative Security <small>(Instr. 5)</small>	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal Year <small>(Instr. 4)</small>	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) <small>(Instr. 4)</small>	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership <small>(Instr. 4)</small>
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Keetch Chad 27101 PUERTA REAL SUITE 450 MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691			Executive VP and Secretary	

Signatures

/s/ Chad A. Keetch

2/15/2017

**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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