

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 MISSION VIEJO, CA, 92691
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SIC Code	8051 - Services-Skilled Nursing Care Facilities
Industry	Healthcare Facilities & Services
Sector	Healthcare
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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 *		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
Wittekind Beverly B.		ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG]		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) VP and General Counsel	
(Last) (First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)			
27101 PUERTA REAL, STE 450		12/11/2017			
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <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 (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/11/2017		M		5000	A	\$3.01	46656	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2017		S		5000	D	\$22.55	41656	D	

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Common Stock	\$3.01	12/11/2017		M		5000		1/22/2009 (1)	1/22/2018	Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	5000.0	\$3.01	9664	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) This option vests in five equal annual installments beginning on January 22, 2009.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wittekind Beverly B. 27101 PUERTA REAL, STE 450 MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691			VP and General Counsel	

Signatures

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

12/13/2017

**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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