

ENSIGN GROUP, INC  
Form 8-K  
April 17, 2009

**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): April 16, 2009**

**The Ensign Group, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**001-33757**

(Commission File Number)

**33-0861263**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**27101 Puerta Real, Suite 450, Mission Viejo, CA**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**92691**

(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:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On April 16, 2009, Charles M. Blalack informed the Company of his intention to retire from its Board of Directors at the close of the Company's 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders scheduled for May 20, 2009. Mr. Blalack has served as member of the Company's Board of Directors since 2001 and is currently serving the Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Company's Board of Directors.

**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: April 17, 2009

THE ENSIGN GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Alan J. Norman

Alan J. Norman

Chief Financial Officer