

ENSIGN GROUP, INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Keetch Chad

(Last) (First) (Middle)

27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450

(Street)

MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/19/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	08/19/2016		M	1,466 A \$ 6.42	42,747	D	
Common Stock	08/19/2016		M	3,534 A \$ 7.38	46,281	D	

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction 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 (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.42	08/19/2016		M	1,466	10/27/2012 ⁽¹⁾ 10/27/2021	Common Stock	1,466
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.38	08/19/2016		M	3,534	02/08/2013 ⁽²⁾ 02/08/2022	Common Stock	3,534

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Chad A. Keetch 08/23/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The option was granted on October 27, 2011, and became exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on October 27, 2012, which was the first anniversary of the date on which the option was granted.
- (2) The option was granted on February 8, 2012, and became exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on February 8, 2013, which was the first anniversary of the date on which the option was granted.

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