

ENSIGN GROUP, INC  
Form 8-K  
May 30, 2014

**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): May 23, 2014**

**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,**

**92691**

**Mission Viejo, CA**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)** **(Zip Code)**  
**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (949) 487-9500**

**Not Applicable**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)**

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

**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On May 23, 2014, The Ensign Group, Inc. ( Ensign ), entered into a Separation and Distribution Agreement (the Separation Agreement ) with CareTrust REIT, Inc. ( CareTrust ). The Separation Agreement was entered into in connection with Ensign s previously announced spin-off of CareTrust, which is more fully described in the preliminary information statement (the Information Statement ) included as Exhibit 99.1 to CareTrust s Registration Statement on Form 10 (File No. 001-36181) filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The Separation Agreement contains the key provisions relating to the separation of CareTrust s real estate business from Ensign. It also contains other agreements that govern certain aspects of CareTrust s relationship with Ensign that will continue after the spin-off. A summary of the material terms of the Separation Agreement is set forth in the Information Statement under Our Relationship with Ensign Following the Spin-Off Separation and Distribution Agreement, and is incorporated by reference herein.

**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.

Date: May 30, 2014

THE ENSIGN GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Suzanne D. Snapper  
Suzanne D. Snapper  
Chief Financial Officer