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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 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): November 5, 2012

The Ensign Group, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-33757 33-0861263
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

27101 Puerta Real, Suite 450, Mission Viejo, CA
(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(949) 487-9500

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Not Applicable

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

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

On October 31, 2012, Van R. Johnson informed the Company that he intends to retire from the Board at the close of the Company's 2013 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Mr. Johnson's resignation is due to his acceptance of a full-time volunteer assignment from his church that will require him to step away from all outside business engagements, including the Company's Board of Directors. Mr. Johnson has served as member of the Company's Board of Directors since 2009 and is currently serving as the Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Company's Board of Directors. The Board expects that it will appoint a replacement for the vacancy created by Mr. Johnson's resignation upon the effective date of such resignation.

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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.

THE ENSIGN GROUP, INC.

/s/ SUZANNE D. SNAPPER Chief Financial Officer

Dated: November 5, 2012