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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On December 27, 2017, The Ensign Group, Inc. (Ensign or the Company) announced that it recently completed a \$112 million portfolio financing with low, fixed-rate loans amortized over 30- or 35-year terms and secured by mortgages on seventeen properties owned by Ensign subsidiaries. Amounts borrowed under the mortgage loans may be prepaid, subject to prepayment fees of the principal balance on the date of prepayment. During the first three years, the prepayment fee is 10% and is reduced by 3% in the fourth year of the loan, and reduced by 1% per year for years five through ten of the loan. There is no prepayment penalty after year ten. The borrowings were arranged by Lancaster Pollard Mortgage Company, LLC, and insured by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Loan proceeds will be primarily deployed to pay down previously drawn amounts on Ensign's revolving line of credit. In addition to refinancing existing borrowings, the proceeds of the HUD-insured debt will be used to fund acquisitions, to renovate and upgrade existing and future facilities, to cover working capital needs and for other business purposes.

The foregoing description of the HUD insured loan portfolio is qualified in its entirety by reference to the form of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Healthcare Facility Note, which includes a schedule of individual loans to certain of the Company's subsidiaries under the financing program, and the form of borrower security agreement under the program, which are filed as Exhibits 10.1 and 10.2 hereto and are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation Under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The disclosures of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development portfolio financing, contained in Item 1.01 above are hereby incorporated into this Item 2.03 by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

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<u>10.1</u>	Form of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Healthcare Facility Note and schedule of individual subsidiary loans, by and among The Ensign Group, Inc.'s subsidiaries listed therein and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
<u>10.2</u>	Form of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Security Instrument/Mortgage/Deed of Trust

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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.

Dated: January 03, 2018 THE ENSIGN  
GROUP, INC.  
/s/  
By: Suzanne  
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Chief  
Financial  
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