



The Ensign Group Announces Election of New Director

MISSION VIEJO, California, June 9, 2008 – The Ensign Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: ENSG), the parent company of the Ensign™ group of skilled nursing, rehabilitative care services and assisted living companies, announced today that John G. Nackel, Ph.D. has joined its board of directors. Mr. Nackel was elected at last Friday’s annual stockholder meeting, for a term expiring at the company’s 2011 annual meeting. Ensign co-founder and Chairman Roy E. Christensen was also re-elected for a term expiring at the 2011 annual meeting.

Mr. Nackel is the founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Three-Sixty Advisory Group, LLC, a healthcare consulting company dedicated to helping emerging healthcare and medical technology companies speed their time to value. He was previously the global managing director of Ernst & Young’s Healthcare Consulting business unit and managing director of its New Ventures unit. He was also the Chief Executive Officer of Sogeti North America, the professional services arm of Capgemini, an international consulting services company. In addition, Mr. Nackel has served as an executive, board member or chairman of several privately held start-ups and emerging companies. He earned his bachelor’s degree at Tufts University, master’s degrees in public health and industrial engineering at the University of Missouri, and a Ph.D. in industrial engineering (health systems design) at the University of Missouri. He is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE) and the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS). He is a senior member of the Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE). Ensign’s Board of Directors has appointed Mr. Nackel to its Audit Committee and its Compensation Committee.

About Ensign™

The Ensign Group, Inc.'s operating subsidiaries provide a broad spectrum of skilled nursing and assisted living services, physical, occupational and speech therapies, and other rehabilitative and healthcare services for both long-term residents and short-stay rehabilitation patients, at 62 facilities located in California, Arizona, Texas, Washington, Utah and Idaho. Each of these facilities is operated by a separate, wholly-owned independent operating subsidiary that has its own management, employees and assets. References herein to the consolidated “Company” and “its” assets and activities, as well as the use of the terms “we,” “us,” “our” and similar verbiage, are not meant to imply that The Ensign Group, Inc. has direct operating assets, employees or revenue, or that any of the facilities, the Service Center or the captive insurance subsidiary are operated by the same entity. More information about Ensign is available at <http://www.ensigngroup.net>.