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)

January 2, 2018

VIVUS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-33389

(Commission File Number)

94-3136179 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

900 E. HAMILTON AVENUE, SUITE 550 CAMPBELL, CA 95008

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(650) 934-5200

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):
☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).
Emerging growth company
If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

On January 2, 2018, the board of directors, or the Board, of VIVUS, Inc., or the Company, approved changes to the cash compensation arrangement for the Board, such that certain non-employee directors will also receive the following: the Chairman of the Corporate Development Committee will receive an additional \$17,500 per year and members of the Corporate Development Committee (other than the Chairman of such Committee) will receive an additional \$8,750 per year. The Chairman of the Corporate Development Committee is Eric W. Roberts and the other members of the Corporate Development Committee are David Y. Norton, Herman Rosenman and Jorge Plutzky, M.D.

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.

VIVUS, INC.

/s/ John L. Slebir John L. Slebir By:

Senior Vice President, Business Development and General Counsel

Date: January 8, 2018