Benefitfocus,Inc. Form 4 August 15, 2016

### FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Holland Mason R Jr			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Benefitfocus,Inc. [BNFT]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
100 BENEFITFOCUS WAY		AY	(Month/Day/Year) 08/11/2016	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Executive Chairman of the Bd.		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
CHARLESTO	N, SC 2949	2	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Di (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	08/11/2016		S	95,915	D	\$ 42.07	2,441,411	I	By Holland Family Trust (2)
Common Stock	08/15/2016		S	50,000	D	\$ 42.4 ( <u>3)</u>	2,391,411	I	By Holland Family Trust (2)
Common Stock							22,537	D	
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Common	
Stock	

As custodian for minor son

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. ionNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Restricted Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>					<u>(4)</u>	12/31/2016	Common Stock	4,693
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.09					(5)	02/20/2017	Common Stock	257,688

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Holland Mason R Jr 100 BENEFITFOCUS WAY CHARLESTON, SC 29492	X		Executive Chairman of the Bd.					
Signatures								
/s/ Donald R. Reynolds, Attorney-in-Fact		08/15/2016						
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date						

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#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$42.00 to \$42.37. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted (1) average price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected.
- (2) These shares are held in a living trust for the benefit of the reporting person and his spouse. The reporting person shares voting and investment control over these shares.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$42.08 to \$42.92. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected.
  - Each performance restricted stock unit ("PRSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer common stock. A percentage of PRSUs will vest upon the achievement of annual revenue goals and non-GAAP net income (loss) goals during the period of January 1,
- (4) 2016 through December 31, 2016. Vesting of the PRSUs will accelerate upon death or disability in an amount equal to the proportion of days in the performance period worked. Vesting of PRSUs may also accelerate in certain circumstances if there is a change in control of the Issuer during the performance period.
- (5) This option is fully vested.

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