

Benefitfocus, Inc.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Holland Mason R Jr

(Last) (First) (Middle)

100 BENEFITFOCUS WAY

(Street)

CHARLESTON, SC 29492

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Benefitfocus, Inc. [BNFT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/11/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Executive Chairman of the Bd.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	08/11/2016		S		95,915	D	\$ 42.07 <u>(1)</u>	2,441,411	I	By Holland Family Trust <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	08/15/2016		S		50,000	D	\$ 42.4 <u>(3)</u>	2,391,411	I	By Holland Family Trust <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock								22,537	D	
								5	I	

Common  
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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Restricted Stock Units	(4)					(4)	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

## 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).

(1) 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 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.

(3) 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.

(4) 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, 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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