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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * August Raymond Alexander			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Benefitfocus,Inc. [BNFT]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
100 BENEFITFOCUS WAY			04/01/2019	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
				President and CEO		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Chec		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
CHARLESTON, SC 29492				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	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	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	04/01/2019		M	9,092 (1)	A	\$0	348,561	D	
Common Stock	04/01/2019		M	79,611 (2)	A	\$0	428,172	D	
Common Stock	04/01/2019		A	5,642 (3)	A	\$0	433,814	D	
Common Stock	04/01/2019		A	24,911 (4)	A	\$0	458,725	D	
Common Stock	04/01/2019		A	50,000 (5)	A	\$0	508,725	D	

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Am Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title Of N
Performance Restricted Stock Units	(1)	04/01/2019		M		9,092	<u>(1)</u>	04/01/2019	Common Stock
Performance Restricted Stock Units	<u>(6)</u>	04/01/2019		D		929	<u>(6)</u>	04/01/2019	Common Stock
Performance Restricted Stock Units	(2)	04/01/2019		M		79,611	(2)	04/01/2022	Common Stock
Performance Restricted Stock Units	<u>(6)</u>	04/01/2019		D		21,100	<u>(6)</u>	04/01/2022	Common Stock 2
Performance Restricted Stock Units	(7)	04/01/2019		A	5,605		<u>(7)</u>	04/01/2020	Common Stock
Performance Restricted Stock Units	<u>(8)</u>	04/01/2019		A	74,733		<u>(8)</u>	04/01/2023	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiauonsnips						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
August Raymond Alexander 100 BENEFITFOCUS WAY	X		President and CEO				
CHARLESTON, SC 29492							

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/s/ S. Halle Vakani, Attorney-in-Fact

04/03/2019

**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).
- Shares earned upon the vesting of a percentage of the performance restricted stock units ("PRSUs") granted to the Reporting Person on March 29, 2018. Each PRSU represented a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer common stock upon the Issuer's achievement of annual revenue goal, an adjusted EBITDA goal, and a net new bookings goal, during the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.
- Shares earned upon the vesting of a percentage of the PRSUs granted to the Reporting Person on March 29, 2018. Each PRSU represented a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer common stock upon the Issuer's achievement of annual recurring revenue bookings percentage growth goals during the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. One-fourth of the shares are vested, with the remaining shares to vest in three equal annual installments beginning on April 1, 2020.
- (3) Represents common stock of the Issuer resulting from the vesting of restricted stock units granted in connection with the achievement of performance metrics in 2018.
- (4) Represents restricted stock units which vest in four equal annual installments beginning on April 1, 2020, subject to continued employment.
- (5) Represents restricted stock units which will vest in full on April 1, 2023, subject to continued employment.
- (6) Represents the portion of PRSUs that were forfeited to the Issuer after determining the percentage of PRSUs that vested.
 - Each PRSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer common stock. The maximum number of PRSUs is presented in the table. A percentage of the PRSUs will vest upon the achievement of an annual revenue goal and an adjusted EBITDA goal, during the
- (7) period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. Vesting of the target level PRSUs will accelerate upon death or disability during the performance period in an amount equal to the proportion of days in the performance period worked. Vesting of the target PRSUs may also accelerate in certain circumstances if there is a change in control of the Issuer during the performance period.
 - Each PRSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer common stock. The maximum number of PRSUs is presented in the table. The PRSUs will vest upon the achievement of net annual recurring revenue bookings growth goals during the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, such vesting to occur in four equal annual installments beginning on April 1, 2020, if the
- (8) performance metrics are met. Vesting of the target level PRSUs will accelerate upon death or disability during the performance period in an amount equal to the proportion of days in the performance period worked. Vesting will also accelerate as to the next tranche of vesting units in the event of death or disability after the performance period. Vesting of the target PRSUs may also accelerate in certain circumstances if there is a change in control of the Issuer during the performance period.

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