Benefitfocus,Inc. Form 4 October 12, 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 * Jenkins Shawn A |          |          | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  |  |  |  |
|---|----------|----------|--|---|--|--|--|
|   |          |          | Benefitfocus,Inc. [BNFT]                           | (Check all applicable)  |  |  |  |
| (Last)  | (First)  | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction                    |   |  |  |  |
| 100 BENEFITFOCUS WAY                                      |          |          | (Month/Day/Year)<br>10/10/2016                     | _X Director 10% Owner Solution of the control of th |  |  |  |
|   | (Street) |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original                     | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check   |  |  |  |
| CHARLESTON, SC 29492                                      |          |          | Filed(Month/Day/Year)                              | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |  |  |  |
| (City)  | (State)  | (Zip)    |  |   |  |  |  |

| (City)                               | (State)                                 | Tabl                   | e I - Non-L  | Derivative Se   | ecuriti          | ies Acqu           | iired, Disposed of   | , or Beneficiall                     | y Owned                          |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------|--------------|---|------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if any | Code         | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |                  |                    | Beneficially For   | Ownership<br>Form: Direct            | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial |
|                                      |   | (Month/Day/Year)       | (Instr. 8)   |   | (A)<br>or<br>(D) | Price              | Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | (D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)          |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 10/10/2016                              |                        | S <u>(1)</u> |   | D ·              | \$<br>42.03<br>(2) | 2,290,896  | D                                    |                                  |

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)

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |              |               | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                 |                                  |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--------------|---------------|---|-----------------|----------------------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                 | (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exer | e<br>rcisable | Expiration<br>Date  | Title           | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |
| Performance<br>Restricted<br>Stock Units            | <u>(3)</u>  |   |   |  |   |              | (3)           | 12/31/2016  | Common<br>Stock | 9,385                            |
| Stock Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                   | \$ 7.09   |   |   |  |   |              | <u>(4)</u>    | 02/20/2017  | Common<br>Stock | 647,458                          |
| Performance<br>Restricted<br>Stock Units            | <u>(5)</u>  |   |   |  |   |              | (5)           | 12/31/2017  | Common<br>Stock | 40,000                           |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| reporting o where the control of                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |  |
| Jenkins Shawn A<br>100 BENEFITFOCUS WAY<br>CHARLESTON, SC 29492 | X             |           | CEO     |       |  |  |  |  |

## **Signatures**

/s/ Donald R. Reynolds,
Attorney-in-Fact
10/12/2016

\*\*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).
- This sale was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan executed by the reporting person on August 22, 2016 and effective on September 15, 2016.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$42.00 to \$42.07. 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 transaction were effected.
- (3) 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

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the Issuer during the performance period.

- (4) This option is fully vested.
  - Each performance restricted stock unit ("PRSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer common stock. PRSUs vest upon the achievement of adjusted EBITDA and compounded annual revenue growth rate goals during the period of January 1, 2015
- (5) through December 31, 2017. Vesting of the target level PRSUs will accelerate upon death or disability in an amount equal to the proportion of days in the performance period worked. Vesting of 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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