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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Holland Mason R Jr Issuer Symbol Benefitfocus, Inc. [BNFT] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify 100 BENEFITFOCUS WAY 04/01/2019 below) Executive Chairman of the Bd. (Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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CHARLESTON, SC 29492

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative (Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any		3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
		(Monun Day, Tear)	Code V	Amount	(A) or	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	04/01/2019		M	5,641 (1)	A	\$ 0	43,929	D		
Common Stock	04/01/2019		M	9,878 (2)	A	\$0	53,807	D		
Common Stock	04/01/2019		A	3,501 (3)	A	\$0	57,308	D		
Common Stock	04/01/2019		A	2,318 (4)	A	\$0	59,626	D		
Common Stock							2,649,099	I	By Holland Family Trust (5)	

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Common	5	т	custodian
Stock	3	1	for minor
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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)	5. Numb orDerivati Securitie Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	ve es d (A) or d of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amc or Num of Shar
Performance Restricted Stock Units	(1)	04/01/2019		M		5,641	<u>(1)</u>	04/01/2019	Common Stock	5,6
Performance Restricted Stock Units	<u>(6)</u>	04/01/2019		D		577	<u>(6)</u>	04/01/2019	Common Stock	57
Performance Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	04/01/2019		M		9,878	(2)	04/01/2022	Common Stock	9,8
Performance Restricted Stock Units	<u>(6)</u>	04/01/2019		D		2,620	<u>(6)</u>	04/01/2022	Common Stock	2,6
Performance Restricted Stock Units	(7)	04/01/2019		A	3,478		<u>(7)</u>	04/01/2020	Common Stock	3,4
Performance Restricted Stock Units	<u>(8)</u>	04/01/2019		A	6,956		(8)	04/01/2023	Common Stock	6,9

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

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	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Holland Mason R Jr			Executive	
100 BENEFITFOCUS WAY	X		Chairman of	
CHARLESTON, SC 29492			the Bd.	

Signatures

/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 an 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) 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.
- (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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