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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 * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Jenkins Shawn A 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 11/16/2016 below) below) **CEO** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CHARLESTON, SC 29492

(State)

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(City)	(State)	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie oner Dispose (Instr. 3, 4	d of (E))	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	11/16/2016		M	130,000	A	\$ 7.09	2,588,354	D	
Common Stock	11/16/2016		S	84,868	D	\$ 27.58 (1)	2,503,486	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)

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)	orDer Sect Acq Disp	fumber of ivative urities quired (A) or posed of (D) tr. 3, 4, and	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou Numb Share
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.09	11/16/2016		M		130,000	(2)	02/20/2017	Common Stock	130,
Performance Restricted Stock Units	(3)						(3)	12/31/2016	Common Stock	9,3
Performance Restricted Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>						<u>(4)</u>	12/31/2017	Common Stock	40,0

Reporting Owners

**Signature of Reporting Person

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Jenkins Shawn A							
100 BENEFITFOCUS WAY	X		CEO				
CHARLESTON, SC 29492							

Signatures

/s/ S. Halle Vakani,
Attorney-in-Fact
11/18/2016

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- * 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).

Date

- This sale was effected to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligation upon the exercise of stock options. This sale was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$27.50 to \$27.85. 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.
- (2) This option is fully vested.
 - 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,
- (3) 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.

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- 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
- (4) 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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