UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K	
CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934	
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) August	<u>: 6, 2019</u>
BENEFITFOCUS, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)	<u>.</u>
<u>Delaware</u> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	
	46-2346314 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
100 Benefitfocus Way, Charleston, South Carolina 29492 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)	
Registrant's telephone number, including area code (843) 849-	-7476

001-36061 (Commission File Number)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or

revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. \square

Chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this Chapter). Emerging Growth Company \square

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On August 6, 2019, Benefitfocus, Inc. issued a press release announcing its operating results for the quarter ended June 30, 2019. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference.

The information in this Item 2.02 (including Exhibit 99.1) shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release dated August 6, 2019

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BENEFITFOCUS, INC.

Date: August 6, 2019

/s/ Lou Anne Gilmore

Lou Anne Gilmore

Vice President of Corporate Development and former Interim Chief Financial Officer

(Principal financial and accounting officer)

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Benefitfocus Announces Second Quarter 2019 Financial Results

Driven by its leading AI-powered Platform, Benefitfocus grew total revenue 13% year-over-year

Charleston, S.C. – August 6, 2019 – Benefitfocus, Inc. (NASDAQ: BNFT), a leading cloud-based benefits management platform and services provider, today announced its second quarter 2019 financial results. Recent highlights include:

- Grew net benefit eligible lives to 16.5 million at the end of the second quarter, up from 15.5 million at the end of the prior quarter and 12.3 million at the end of the prior year period.
- Expanded BenefitsPlace™ to 50 suppliers, up from 18 at the prior year period.
- Launched enterprise HCM API data exchange capabilities.
- Strengthened executive leadership with appointment of Stephen M. Swad as Chief Financial Officer and Steve Malme as Senior Vice President of Platform Strategy.

"With our leading AI-powered platform for benefits, we are creating significant economic value and delivering growth and innovation through our platform strategy," said Ray August, President and Chief Executive Officer of Benefitfocus. "In Q2, we added approximately 1 million net benefit eligible lives. This was our strongest quarter to date for growing lives on our platform. We are removing points of friction and further advancing our platform's capabilities by automating inefficient, manual processes across our ecosystem. Our intelligence engine is improving user experience, helping consumers make better, smarter decisions. All of this helps drive growth and contributed to our strong second quarter financial results."

Second Quarter 2019 Financial Highlights

Revenue

- Total revenue was \$68.6 million, an increase of 13% compared to the second quarter of 2018.
- Software services revenue was \$53.1 million, an increase of 10% compared to the second quarter of 2018.
- Professional services revenue was \$15.5 million, an increase of 26% compared to the second quarter of 2018.

Net Loss

• GAAP net loss was (\$14.9) million, compared to (\$14.3) million in the second quarter of 2018. GAAP net loss per share was (\$0.46), based on 32.6 million basic and diluted weighted average common shares outstanding, compared to (\$0.45) for the second quarter of 2018, based on 31.8 million basic and diluted weighted average common shares outstanding.

Non-GAAP Net Loss and Adjusted EBITDA

- Non-GAAP net loss was (\$10.0) million, compared to (\$7.7) million in the second quarter of 2018. Non-GAAP net loss per share was (\$0.31), based on 32.6 million basic and diluted weighted average common shares outstanding, compared to (\$0.24) for the second quarter of 2018, based on 31.8 million basic and diluted weighted average common shares outstanding.
- Adjusted EBITDA was \$0.1 million, compared to (\$0.6) million in the second quarter of 2018.

See important disclosures about non-GAAP measures, and a reconciliation of them to GAAP, below.

Balance Sheet

• Cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2019 totaled \$138.4 million, compared to \$144.2 million at the end of the first quarter of 2019.

Updated Business Outlook

Based on information available as of August 6, 2019, Benefitfocus is providing guidance for the third quarter and updated its full year 2019 as indicated below.

Third Quarter 2019:

- Total revenue is expected to be in the range of \$70.0 million to \$72.0 million.
- Non-GAAP net loss is expected to be in the range of (\$14.0) million to (\$12.0) million, or (\$0.43) to (\$0.37) per share, based on 32.7 million basic and diluted weighted average common shares outstanding.
- Adjusted EBITDA is expected to be in the range of (\$3.5) million to (\$1.5) million.

Full Year 2019:

- Total revenue is expected to be in the range of \$292.0 million to \$300.0 million.
- Non-GAAP net loss is expected to be in the range of (\$31.0) million to (\$26.0) million, or (\$0.95) to (\$0.80) per share, based on 32.5 million basic and diluted weighted average common shares outstanding.
- Adjusted EBITDA is expected to be in the range of \$10.0 million to \$15.0 million.

Management has not reconciled forward-looking non-GAAP net loss and Adjusted EBITDA to their most directly comparable GAAP measure of GAAP net loss. Management is unable to predict with reasonable certainty the ultimate outcome of the various necessary GAAP components of such reconciliations, including, for example, those related to compensation, acquisition transactions and integration, or others that may arise during the year, without unreasonable effort. These components and other factors could materially impact the amount of the future directly comparable GAAP measures, which may differ significantly from their non-GAAP counterparts. See below for additional important disclosures regarding our non-GAAP financial measures.

Conference Call Details:

In conjunction with this announcement, Benefitfocus will host a conference call today, August 6, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time to discuss the company's financial results. To access this call, dial (877) 407-9208 (domestic) or (201) 493-6784 (international). A live webcast, as well as the replay, of the conference call will be available on the Investor Relations page of the company's website at http://investor.benefitfocus.com/. After the conference call, a replay will be available until August 13, 2019, and can be accessed by dialing (844) 512-2921 (domestic) or (412) 317-6671 (international) with passcode 13692514.

About Benefitfocus

Benefitfocus (NASDAQ: BNFT) unifies the entire U.S. benefits industry on a single technology platform to protect consumers' health, wealth, property and lifestyle. Our powerful cloud-based software, data-driven insights and thoughtfully-designed services, enable employers, insurance brokers, carriers and suppliers to simplify the complexity of benefits administration and deliver a world-class benefits experience. Learn more at www.benefitfocus.com, LinkedIn and Twitter.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The company uses certain non-GAAP financial measures in this release, including non-GAAP gross profit, operating loss, net loss, net loss per common share, and adjusted EBITDA. Generally, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a company's performance or financial position that either excludes or includes amounts that are not normally excluded or included in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP.

Non-GAAP gross profit, operating loss, net loss and net loss per common share exclude stock-based compensation expenses, amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets, transaction and acquisition-related costs expensed, if any, and costs not core to our business, if any. We define adjusted EBITDA as net loss before net interest, taxes, and depreciation and amortization expense, adjusted to eliminate stock-based compensation expense, expense related to the impairment of goodwill and intangible assets, transaction and acquisition-related costs expensed, and costs not core to our business. Please note that other companies might define their non-GAAP financial measures differently than we do.

Management presents these non-GAAP financial measures in this release because it considers them to be important supplemental measures of performance. Management uses these non-GAAP financial measures for planning purposes, including analysis of the company's performance against prior periods, the preparation of operating budgets and to determine appropriate levels of operating and capital investments. Management believes that these non-GAAP financial measures provide additional insight for analysts and investors in evaluating the company's financial and operational performance. Management also intends to provide these non-GAAP financial measures as part of the company's future earnings discussions and, therefore, their inclusion should provide consistency in the company's financial reporting.

Non-GAAP financial measures have limitations as an analytical tool. Investors are encouraged to review the reconciliation of the non-GAAP measures to their most directly comparable GAAP measures provided in this release, including in the accompanying tables.

Safe Harbor Statement

Except for historical information, all of the statements, expectations, and assumptions contained in this press release are forward-looking statements. Actual results might differ materially from those explicit or implicit in the forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include: our continuing losses and need to achieve GAAP profitability; fluctuations in our financial results; the immature and volatile market for our products and services; risks related to changing healthcare and other applicable regulations; risks associated with acquisitions; our ability to maintain our culture, recruit and retain qualified personnel and effectively expand our sales force; cyber-security risks; the need to innovate and provide useful products and services; our ability to compete effectively; privacy, security and other risks associated with our business; and the other risk factors set forth from time to time in our SEC filings, copies of which are available free of charge within the Investor Relations section of the Benefitfocus website at http://investor.benefitfocus.com/sec-filings or upon request from our Investor Relations Department. Benefitfocus assumes no obligation and does not intend to update these forward-looking statements, except as required by law.

Source: Benefitfocus, Inc.

Benefitfocus, Inc. Unaudited Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss (in thousands, except share and per share data)

(in another and one of the	Three Months Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended June 30,				
		2019		2018		2019		2018
Revenue	\$	68,579	\$	60,581	\$	136,878	\$	122,944
Cost of revenue (1)(2)(3)		32,802		30,721		65,654		62,124
Gross profit		35,777		29,860		71,224		60,820
Operating expenses:(1)(2)(3)								
Sales and marketing		19,318		18,400		38,937		38,317
Research and development		14,461		12,128		27,551		24,151
General and administrative		11,785		10,387		23,581		20,080
Total operating expenses		45,564		40,915		90,069		82,548
Loss from operations		(9,787)		(11,055)		(18,845)		(21,728)
Other income (expense):								
Interest income		762		68		1,422		126
Interest expense		(5,837)		(1,415)		(11,651)		(2,732)
Interest expense on building lease financing obligations				(1,867)				(3,733)
Other (expense) income		(73)		13		(64)		13
Total other expense, net		(5,148)		(3,201)		(10,293)		(6,326)
Loss before income taxes		(14,935)		(14,256)		(29,138)		(28,054)
Income tax expense		3		5		9		9
Net loss	\$	(14,938)	\$	(14,261)	\$	(29,147)	\$	(28,063)
Comprehensive loss	\$	(14,938)	\$	(14,261)	\$	(29,147)	\$	(28,063)
Net loss per common share:								
Basic and diluted	\$	(0.46)	\$	(0.45)	\$	(0.90)	\$	(0.89)
Weighted-average common shares outstanding:			_		_	<u> </u>		<u> </u>
Basic and diluted		32,613,718		31,806,972		32,336,864		31,571,468
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(1) Stock-based compensation included in above line items:								
Cost of revenue	\$	691	\$	900	\$	1,590	\$	1,611
Sales and marketing		(12)		1,257		1,674		2,211
Research and development		718		841		1,910		1,609
General and administrative		2,322		1,676		4,912		3,568
(2) Amortization of acquired intangible assets included in above line items:								
Cost of revenue	\$	308	\$	35	\$	407	\$	69
Sales and marketing		113		13		149		27
Research and development		131		11		171		23
General and administrative		53		5		68		9
(3) Transaction and acquisition-related costs expensed included in above line items:								
General and administrative	\$	360	\$	257	\$	1,002	\$	257

Benefitfocus, Inc. Unaudited Consolidated Balance Sheets (in thousands, except share and per share data)

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Assets					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	138,389	\$	190,928	
Accounts receivable, net		32,395		21,077	
Contract, prepaid and other current assets		17,070		16,667	
Total current assets		187,854	•	228,672	
Property and equipment, net		28,803		69,965	
Financing lease right-of-use assets		78,856		_	
Operating lease right-of-use assets		2,020		_	
Intangible assets, net		13,804		_	
Goodwill		12,857		1,634	
Deferred contract costs and other non-current assets		11,044		13,668	
Total assets	\$	335,238	\$	313,939	
Liabilities and stockholders' deficit					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$	6,623	\$	8,687	
Accrued expenses		9,217		11,461	
Accrued compensation and benefits		15,358		17,269	
Deferred revenue, current portion		36,937		36,540	
Lease liabilities and financing obligations, current portion		6,245		4,486	
Total current liabilities		74,380		78,443	
Deferred revenue, net of current portion		9,613		9,323	
Convertible senior notes		182,234		176,692	
Lease liabilities and financing obligations, net current portion		87,952		57,116	
Other non-current liabilities		138		2,575	
Total liabilities		354,317		324,149	
Commitments and contingencies					
Stockholders' deficit:					
Preferred stock, par value \$0.001, 5,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding at June 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018		_		_	
Common stock, par value \$0.001, 50,000,000 shares authorized, 32,642,706 and 32,017,773 shares issued and outstanding at June 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively		33		32	
Additional paid-in capital		416,221		403,631	
Accumulated deficit		(435,333)		(413,873)	
Total stockholders' deficit		(19,079)		(10,210)	
Total liabilities and stockholders' deficit	\$	335,238	\$	313,939	
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Benefitfocus, Inc. Unaudited Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (in thousands)

(In thousands)		Civ Mont	sa Enda	4		
		Six Months Ended June 30,				
		2019	,	2018		
Cash flows from operating activities		_				
Net loss	\$	(29,147)	\$	(28,063)		
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash and cash						
equivalents used in operating activities:						
Depreciation and amortization		10,949		7,957		
Stock-based compensation expense		10,086		8,999		
Accretion of interest on convertible senior notes		5,541		_		
Interest accrual on financing obligations (prior to adoption of ASC 842)		_		3,758		
Rent expense in excess of payments		3		_		
Provision for doubtful accounts		265		364		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:						
Accounts receivable, net		(10,671)		2,956		
Contract, prepaid and other current assets		(476)		2,182		
Deferred costs and other non-current assets		2,851		2,003		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		(4,085)		(1,110)		
Accrued compensation and benefits		273		458		
Deferred revenue		(6,004)		(4,059)		
Other non-current liabilities		(46)		(218)		
Net cash and cash equivalents used in operating activities		(20,461)		(4,773)		
Cash flows from investing activities		_				
Business combination, net of cash acquired		(20,914)		_		
Purchases of property and equipment		(7,401)		(3,561)		
Net cash and cash equivalents used in investing activities		(28,315)		(3,561)		
Cash flows from financing activities	·	, ,		•		
Draws on revolving line of credit		_		59,000		
Payments on revolving line of credit		_		(48,000)		
Payments of debt issuance costs		(357)				
Proceeds from exercises of stock options and ESPP		134		270		
Payments on capital lease and financing obligations		(841)		(4,979)		
Payments of principal on financing lease obligations		(2,699)				
Net cash and cash equivalents (used in) provided by financing activities		(3,763)		6,291		
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(52,539)		(2,043)		
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		190,928		55,335		
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	138,389	\$	53,292		
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Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing and financing activities						
Property and equipment purchases in accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	437	\$	272		
Property and equipment purchased with financing and capital lease obligations	\$	_	\$	3,085		
Post contract support purchased with financing obligations	\$		\$	275		

Benefitfocus, Inc. Unaudited Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Measures (in thousands, except share and per share data)

(m thousands, except sh	Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Months Ended June 30,			
		2019		2018		2019		2018
Reconciliation from Gross Profit to Non-GAAP Gross Profit:								
Gross profit	\$	35,777	\$	29,860	\$	71,224	\$	60,820
Amortization of acquired intangible assets		308		35		407		69
Stock-based compensation expense		691		900		1,590		1,611
Total net adjustments		999		935		1,997		1,680
Non-GAAP gross profit	\$	36,776	\$	30,795	\$	73,221	\$	62,500
Reconciliation from Operating Loss to Non-GAAP Operating Loss:								
Operating loss	\$	(9,787)	\$	(11,055)	\$	(18,845)	\$	(21,728)
Amortization of acquired intangible assets		605		64		795		128
Stock-based compensation expense		3,719		4,674		10,086		8,999
Transaction and acquisition-related costs expensed		360		257		1,002		257
Costs not core to our business		266		1,524		586		2,895
Total net adjustments	· · ·	4,950		6,519		12,469		12,279
Non-GAAP operating loss	\$	(4,837)	\$	(4,536)	\$	(6,376)	\$	(9,449)
Reconciliation from Net Loss to Adjusted EBITDA:								
Net loss	\$	(14,938)	\$	(14,261)	\$	(29,147)	\$	(28,063)
Depreciation		3,690		2,999		7,657		5,976
Amortization of software development costs		1,319		964		2,497		1,853
Amortization of acquired intangible assets		605		64		795		128
Interest income		(762)		(68)		(1,422)		(126)
Interest expense		5,837		1,415		11,651		2,732
Interest expense on building lease financing obligations		_		1,867		_		3,733
Income tax expense		3		5		9		9
Stock-based compensation expense		3,719		4,674		10,086		8,999
Transaction and acquisition-related costs expensed		360		257		1,002		257
Costs not core to our business		266		1,524		586		2,895
Total net adjustments		15,037		13,701	_	32,861		26,456
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	99	\$	(560)	\$	3,714	\$	(1,607)
Reconciliation from Net Loss to Non-GAAP Net Loss:								
Net loss	\$	(14,938)	\$	(14,261)	\$	(29,147)	\$	(28,063)
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	φ	605	Ψ	(14,201)	Ψ	795	Ψ	128
Stock-based compensation expense		3,719		4,674		10,086		8,999
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Transaction and acquisition-related costs expensed Costs not core to our business		266		1,524		586		2,895
Total net adjustments	_	4,950	_	6,519	_	12,469	_	12,279
Non-GAAP net loss	\$	(9,988)	\$	(7,742)	\$	(16,678)	\$	(15,784)
Calculation of Non-GAAP Earnings Per Share:								
Non-GAAP net loss	\$	(9,988)	\$	(7,742)	\$	(16,678)	\$	(15,784)
Weighted average shares outstanding - basic and diluted		32,613,718		31,806,972		32,336,864		31,571,468
Shares used in computing non-GAAP net loss per share - basic and diluted		32,613,718		31,806,972		32,336,864		31,571,468
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Non-GAAP net loss per common share - basic and diluted