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FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE (FMLA)

FAMILY MEMBER'S SERIOUS HEALTH CONDITION

INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PACKET

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Date: Employee No.:	
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Enclosed please find the employee FMLA forms packet. Please read all of the information provided carefully.

Your request requires Board Approval and cannot be placed on the Agenda until all paperwork is received for processing.

Step 1: Form WH-380-F: Certification of Health Care Provider for Family Member's Serious Health Condition

- I. Section I is to be completed by the District.
- II. Section II is to be completed by you as the Employee.
- III. Section III is to be completed by your family member's physician. Have your physician complete section III then, sign and date Form WH-380-F and return to you. Form WH-380-F is the Certification of Health Care Provider for Family Member's Serious Health Condition form that must accompany the following Family & Medical Leave Request Form.

Step 2: Family & Medical Leave Request Form: Complete, sign and date then return the FAMILY & MEDICAL LEAVE REQUEST FORM. This signed form must accompany the WH-380-F which has been completed by your family member's physician.

Submit both forms to the Human Resource office to begin the processing of your request for leave. Once you submit these forms they will be reviewed and if complete, your request will be placed on the Board Agenda.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Confidential Secretary - Human Resources

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Wage and Hour Division



Fact Sheet #28: The Family and Medical Leave Act

The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) entitles eligible employees of covered employers to take unpaid, job-protected leave for specified family and medical reasons. This fact sheet provides general information about which employers are covered by the FMLA, when employees are eligible and entitled to take FMLA leave, and what rules apply when employees take FMLA leave.

COVERED EMPLOYERS

The FMLA only applies to employers that meet certain criteria. A covered employer is a:

- Private-sector employer, with 50 or more employees in 20 or more workweeks in the current or
 preceding calendar year, including a joint employer or successor in interest to a covered
 employer;
- Public agency, including a local, state, or Federal government agency, regardless of the number of employees it employs; or
- Public or private elementary or secondary school, regardless of the number of employees it employs.

ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES

Only eligible employees are entitled to take FMLA leave. An eligible employee is one who:

- Works for a covered employer;
- Has worked for the employer for at least 12 months;
- Has at least 1,250 hours of service for the employer during the 12 month period immediately preceding the leave*; and
- Works at a location where the employer has at least 50 employees within 75 miles.
- * Special hours of service eligibility requirements apply to airline flight crew employees. See <u>Fact Sheet</u> 28J: Special Rules for Airline Flight Crew Employees under the Family and Medical Leave Act.

The 12 months of employment do not have to be consecutive. That means any time previously worked for the same employer (including seasonal work) could, in most cases, be used to meet the 12-month requirement. If the employee has a break in service that lasted seven years or more, the time worked prior to the break will not count *unless* the break is due to service covered by the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), or there is a written agreement, including a collective bargaining agreement, outlining the employer's intention to rehire the employee after the break in service. See "FMLA Special Rules for Returning Reservists".

LEAVE ENTITLEMENT

Eligible employees may take up to **12 workweeks** of leave in a 12-month period for one or more of the following reasons:

- The birth of a son or daughter or placement of a son or daughter with the employee for adoption or foster care;
- To care for a spouse, son, daughter, or parent who has a serious health condition;
- For a serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the essential functions of his or her job; or
- For any qualifying exigency arising out of the fact that a spouse, son, daughter, or parent is a military member on covered active duty or call to covered active duty status.

An eligible employee may also take up to **26 workweeks** of leave during a "single 12-month period" to care for a covered servicemember with a serious injury or illness, when the employee is the spouse, son, daughter, parent, or next of kin of the servicemember. The "single 12-month period" for military caregiver leave is different from the 12-month period used for other FMLA leave reasons. *See* <u>Fact Sheets 28F: Qualifying Reasons under the FMLA</u> and <u>28M: The Military Family Leave Provisions</u> under the FMLA.

Under some circumstances, employees may take FMLA leave on an intermittent or reduced schedule basis. That means an employee may take leave in separate blocks of time or by reducing the time he or she works each day or week for a single qualifying reason. When leave is needed for planned medical treatment, the employee must make a reasonable effort to schedule treatment so as not to unduly disrupt the employer's operations. If FMLA leave is for the birth, adoption, or foster placement of a child, use of intermittent or reduced schedule leave requires the employer's approval.

Under certain conditions, employees may choose, or employers may require employees, to "substitute" (run concurrently) accrued paid leave, such as sick or vacation leave, to cover some or all of the FMLA leave period. An employee's ability to substitute accrued paid leave is determined by the terms and conditions of the employer's normal leave policy.

NOTICE

Employees must comply with their employer's usual and customary requirements for requesting leave and provide enough information for their employer to reasonably determine whether the FMLA may apply to the leave request. Employees generally must request leave 30 days in advance when the need for leave is foreseeable. When the need for leave is foreseeable less than 30 days in advance or is unforeseeable, employees must provide notice as soon as possible and practicable under the circumstances.

When an employee seeks leave for a FMLA-qualifying reason for the first time, the employee need not expressly assert FMLA rights or even mention the FMLA. If an employee later requests additional leave for the same qualifying condition, the employee must specifically reference either the qualifying reason for leave or the need for FMLA leave. See Fact Sheet 28E: Employee Notice Requirements under the FMLA.

Covered employers must:

- (1) Post a notice explaining rights and responsibilities under the FMLA. Covered employers may be subject to a civil money penalty for willful failure to post. For current penalty amounts, see www.dol.gov/whd/fmla/applicable laws.htm;
- (2) Include information about the FMLA in their employee handbooks or provide information to new employees upon hire;

- (3) When an employee requests FMLA leave or the employer acquires knowledge that leave may be for a FMLA-qualifying reason, provide the employee with notice concerning his or her eligibility for FMLA leave and his or her rights and responsibilities under the FMLA; and
- (4) Notify employees whether leave is designated as FMLA leave and the amount of leave that will be deducted from the employee's FMLA entitlement.

See Fact Sheet 28D: Employer Notice Requirements under the FMLA.

CERTIFICATION

When an employee requests FMLA leave due to his or her own serious health condition or a covered family member's serious health condition, the employer may require certification in support of the leave from a health care provider. An employer may also require second or third medical opinions (at the employer's expense) and periodic recertification of a serious health condition. See Fact Sheet 28G: Certification of a Serious Health Condition under the FMLA. For information on certification requirements for military family leave, See Fact Sheet 28M(c): Qualifying Exigency Leave under the FMLA; Fact Sheet 28M(a): Military Caregiver Leave for a Current Servicemember under the FMLA; and Fact Sheet 28M(b): Military Caregiver Leave for a Veteran under the FMLA.

JOB RESTORATION AND HEALTH BENEFITS

Upon return from FMLA leave, an employee must be restored to his or her original job or to an equivalent job with equivalent pay, benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment. An employee's use of FMLA leave cannot be counted against the employee under a "no-fault" attendance policy. Employers are also required to continue group health insurance coverage for an employee on FMLA leave under the same terms and conditions as if the employee had not taken leave. See Fact Sheet 28A: Employee Protections under the Family and Medical Leave Act.

OTHER PROVISIONS

Special rules apply to employees of local education agencies. Generally, these rules apply to intermittent or reduced schedule FMLA leave or the taking of FMLA leave near the end of a school term.

Salaried executive, administrative, and professional employees of covered employers who meet the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) criteria for exemption from minimum wage and overtime under the FLSA regulations, 29 CFR Part 541, do not lose their FLSA-exempt status by using any unpaid FMLA leave. This special exception to the "salary basis" requirements for FLSA's exemption extends only to an eligible employee's use of FMLA leave.

ENFORCEMENT

It is unlawful for any employer to interfere with, restrain, or deny the exercise of or the attempt to exercise any right provided by the FMLA. It is also unlawful for an employer to discharge or discriminate against any individual for opposing any practice, or because of involvement in any

proceeding, related to the FMLA. See Fact Sheet 77B: Protections for Individuals under the FMLA. The Wage and Hour Division is responsible for administering and enforcing the FMLA for most employees. Most federal and certain congressional employees are also covered by the law but are subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management or Congress. If you believe that your rights under the FMLA have been violated, you may file a complaint with the Wage and Hour Division or file a private lawsuit against your employer in court.

For additional information, visit our Wage and Hour Division Website: http://www.wagehour.dol.gov and/or call our toll-free information and helpline, available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in your time zone, 1-866-4-USWAGE (1-866-487-9243).

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Section 300 Employees

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Authority

The Board shall provide eligible administrative, professional and support employees with unpaid leaves of absence in accordance with the Family And Medical Leave Act, hereinafter referred to as FMLA.[1][2]

Employee requests for FMLA leave shall be processed in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulations.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent shall develop and disseminate administrative regulations to implement FMLA leave for eligible employees.

The district shall post, in conspicuous places in the district customarily used for notices to employees and applicants, a notice regarding the provisions of the FMLA and the procedure for filing a complaint. [3]

Employee requests for leave, both FMLA and non-FMLA, shall be submitted in writing on a district form to the Superintendent of designee.

Guidelines

Employees' eligibility for FMLA leave shall be based on the criteria established by law.[4][5]

Eligible employees shall be provided up to twelve (12) workweeks of unpaid leave in a twelve-month period for the employee's own serious health condition; for the birth, adoption, foster placement or first-year care of a child; to care for a seriously ill spouse, child or parent; or to address specific qualifying exigencies pertaining to a member of the Armed Forces alerted for foreign deployment or during foreign deployment.[5]

Eligible employees shall be provided up to twenty-six (26) workweeks of unpaid leave in a single twelve-month period to care for an ill or injured covered servicemember.[5]

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The district shall utilize a rolling twelve-month period measured backwards from the date leave is used to determine if an employee has exhausted his/her FMLA leave in any twelve-month period.[6]

Instructional employees may be required to continue FMLA leave to the beginning of a grading period or term if conditions or leave are those specified in the FMLA.

When an employee requests an FMLA leave and qualifies for and is entitled to any accrued paid sick, vacation, personal or family leave, the employee is required to utilize such paid leave concurrent with the FMLA leave.[5]

In addition, employees on an approved FMLA leave are not permitted to hold employment outside the district.

Legal

- 1, 29 U.S.C. 2601 et seq
- 2. 29 CFR Part 825
- 3. 29 U.S.C. 2619
- 4. 29 U.S.C. 2611
- 5. 29 U.S.C. 2612
- 6. 29 CFR 825.200
- Pol. 813

Penn Hills School District EMPLOYEE LEAVE OF ABSENCE FORM

DATE:	EMPLOYEE NUMBER:
NAME:	BUILDING:
POSITION:	CERTIFICATION:
LEAVE START DATE:	LEAVE END DATE:
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	TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS
Is substitute required for covered []	erage during your leave? Yes No
Substitute Shadow Day Date((s):/ Before Leave/ After Leave

Information above subject to change if necessary.

Certification of Health Care Provider for Family Member's Serious Health Condition under the Family and Medical Leave Act

U.S. Department of Labor Wage Hour Division



DO NOT SEND COMPLETED FORM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. RETURN TO THE PATIENT.

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The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) provides that an employer may require an employee seeking FMLA leave to care for a family member with a serious health condition to submit a medical certification issued by the family member's health care provider. 29 U.S.C. §§ 2613, 2614(c)(3); 29 C.F.R. § 825.305. The employer must give the employee at least 15 calendar days to provide the certification. If the employee fails to provide complete and sufficient medical certification, his or her FMLA leave request may be denied. 29 C.F.R. § 825.313. Information about the FMLA may be found on the WHD website at www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/fmla.

SECTION I - EMPLOYER

Either the employee or the employer may complete Section I. While use of this form is optional, this form asks the health care provider for the information necessary for a complete and sufficient medical certification, which is set out at 29 C.F.R. § 825.306. You may not ask the employee to provide more information than allowed under the FMLA regulations, 29 C.F.R. §§ 825.306-825.308. Additionally, you <u>may not</u> request a certification for FMLA leave to bond with a healthy newborn child or a child placed for adoption or foster care.

Employers must generally maintain records and documents relating to medical information, medical certifications, recertifications, or medical histories of employees or employees' family members created for FMLA purposes as confidential medical records in separate files/records from the usual personnel files and in accordance with 29 C.F.R. § 1630.14(c)(1), if the Americans with Disabilities Act applies, and in accordance with 29 C.F.R. § 1635.9, if the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act applies.

(1) Employe					
	Firs	t	Middle	Last	
(2) Employe	er name:			Date:	(mm/dd/yyyy)
				(List date certificat	ion requested)
(3) The medi	cal certification must be	returned by			(mm/dd/yyyy)
(Must allo	ow at least 15 calendar days f	rom the date requested,	, unless it is not fed	isible despite the employee's diligent, go	ood faith efforts.)
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(1) Name of	the family member for v	vhom you will provi	de care:	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	
(2) Select th	e relationship of the fami	ily member to you.	The family mem	ber is your:	
	☐ Spouse	☐ Parent		hild, under age 18	
	☐ Child, age 18 or o	older and incapable of	of self-care beca	use of a mental or physical disabil	ity

Spouse means a husband or wife as defined or recognized in the state where the individual was married, including in a common law marriage or same-sex marriage. The terms "child" and "parent" include *in loco parentis* relationships in which a person assumes the obligations of a parent to a child. An employee may take FMLA leave to care for an individual who assumed the obligations of a parent to the employee when the employee was a child. An employee may also take FMLA leave to care for a child for whom the employee has assumed the obligations of a parent. No legal or biological relationship is necessary.

Em	ployee Name:
(3)	Briefly describe the care you will provide to your family member: (Check all that apply) ☐ Assistance with basic medical, hygienic, nutritional, or safety needs ☐ Physical Care ☐ Psychological Comfort ☐ Other:
(4)	Give your best estimate of the amount of leave needed to provide the care described:
(5)	If a reduced work schedule is necessary to provide the care described, give your best estimate of the reduced schedule you are able to work. From(mm/dd/yyyy) to(mm/dd/yyyy), I am able to work(days per week).
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pati a tin hea that	ase provide your contact information, complete all relevant parts of this Section, and sign the form below. A family member of your ent has requested leave under the FMLA to care for your patient. The FMLA allows an employer to require that the employee submit nely, complete, and sufficient medical certification to support a request for FMLA leave to care for a family member with a serious left condition. For FMLA purposes, a "serious health condition" means an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition involves inpatient care or continuing treatment by a health care provider. For more information about the definitions of a serious left condition under the FMLA, see the chart at the end of the form.
con priv	a also may, but are not required to, provide other appropriate medical facts including symptoms, diagnosis, or any regimen of tinuing treatment such as the use of specialized equipment. Please note that some state or local laws may not allow disclosure of rate medical information about the patient's serious health condition, such as providing the diagnosis and/or course of treatment.
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	be of practice / Medical specialty:
	ephone: ()
PA	RT A: Medical Information
bes Par wor Do	nit your response to the medical condition for which the employee is seeking FMLA leave. Your answers should be your testimate based upon your medical knowledge, experience, and examination of the patient. After completing Part A, complete t B to provide information about the amount of leave needed. Note: For FMLA purposes, "incapacity" means the inability to k, attend school, or perform regular daily activities due to the condition, treatment of the condition, or recovery from the condition. not provide information about genetic tests, as defined in 29 C.F.R. § 1635.3(f), genetic services, as defined in 29 C.F.R. § 1635.3(e), the manifestation of disease or disorder in the employee's family members, 29 C.F.R. § 1635.3(b).
(1)	Patient's Name:
(2)	State the approximate date the condition started or will start:
(3)	Provide your best estimate of how long the condition lasted or will last:
(4)	For FMLA to apply, care of the patient must be medically necessary. Briefly describe the type of care needed by the patient (e.g., assistance with basic medical, hygienic, nutritional, safety, transportation needs, physical care, or psychological comfort).

Emp	loyee Name:		
(9)	Due to the condition, the patient (was / will be) incapacit for treatment(s) and/or recovery.	tated for a continuous period of time, including any ti	ime
	Provide your best estimate of the beginning date:(mm/dd/yyyy) for the period of incapacity.	(mm/dd/yyyy) and end date	
(10)	Due to the condition it, (\square was / \square is / \square will be) medical provide care for the patient on an intermittent basis (periodical flare-ups. Provide your best estimate of how often (frequential likely last.	eally), including for any episodes of incapacity i.e., episodes	odic
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	An overnight stay in a hospital, hospice, or residential medical car Inpatient care includes any period of incapacity or any subsequent	re facility.	
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Pre	gnancy: Any period of incapacity due to pregnancy or for prenatal	care.	
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Cor	nditions Requiring Multiple Treatments: Restorative surgery after	er an accident or other injury; or, a condition that would lik	ely

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result in a period of incapacity of more than three consecutive, full calendar days if the patient did not receive the treatment.

If submitted, it is mandatory for employers to retain a copy of this disclosure in their records for three years. 29 U.S.C. § 2616; 29 C.F.R. § 825.500. Persons are not required to respond to this collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The Department of Labor estimates that it will take an average of 15 minutes for respondents to complete this collection of information, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. If you have any comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, send them to the Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-3502, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210.

Intermittent FMLA Tracking Form

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Please submit the o	questions that you may	e end of each month to the Human y have to the Human Resource Offi I need to submit a revised letter ind	ice.	
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Signature: _____ Date: _____