

FMLA Awareness for BFSA

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What is FMLA?

• Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 that provides eligible employees up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave in a rolling 52 week year.

What are the qualifying events for FMLA?

- Child care
- Adoption or foster care
- Serious illness of employee
- · Serious illness of immediate family member
- Military



Two Types of FMLA

- Continuous FMLA
- Intermittent FMLA

What is the difference between them?

- **Continuous** May be used for an extended period of time.
- Intermittent- May be used in hours or days.

What are the eligibility requirements?

- 1 Year employment with the Fund.
- 1250 work hours in the previous 12 months.



What is the process for requesting a leave?

• Schedule a meeting with Human Resources Benefits Coordinator to obtain a FMLA Request Form and a Health Care Provider Certification Form.

What is necessary for HR to complete a FMLA review?

- Verification of hours and hire date.
- Employee must complete a FMLA Request
- The employee has 15 days from the day that you receive your forms to have the Health Care Provider Form completed and returned to the Benefits Coordinator.



What is Human Resource's role?

- Review of employee's ADP E-time and personnel records.
- Review for completeness of FMLA Request Form.
- Review for completeness of Health Care Provider Certification form.
- Refer to outside medical consultant for review.
- Respond to employee with approval or denial.
- Notify Department Management, Eligibility, and Payroll if approved.

What happens to my benefits during an approved FMLA leave?

• Benefits continue during a FMLA leave.

Is FMLA Paid or Unpaid?

- FMLA, by law is unpaid.
- Personal, Sick, or Vacation time may be used at employee's request.

Does an employee have to schedule intermittent FMLA?

- Employee should give as much advance notice as possible.
- If an employee calls in, he/she must identify the time as FMLA leave.

Can FMLA leave be extended?

• Yes, based upon review of new documents, and depending if the employees' allotted time has expired.

What is the procedure for staff returning from a Continuous Leave?

- Employees must notify the HR Benefits Manager at least 1 week prior to returning to work from a Continuous FMLA leave.
- If applicable, written medical clearance to return to work should be submitted to the HR Benefits Manager.



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