Little Rock School District

MEDICAL LEAVE PACKET

Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
(Up to 12 weeks)

Name: __________________________
Location: ________________________
REQUEST FOR MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE
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Medical Leave of Absence Requirements

Request for leave must be made at least thirty (30) days prior to the date the requested leave is to begin, or as soon as practicable under the circumstances. The LRSD may delay FMLA coverage to any employee who fails to provide timely notice of the need for leave.

The employee must complete the appropriate “Request for Medical Leave of Absence, Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)” form. Please note, ALL leave types require the completion of an application for leave and any other related forms for the specified leave of absence to be determined for approval.

Upon receipt of the Request for Medical Leave of Absence, Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) form, the employee will receive a Notice of Eligibility and Rights & Responsibilities Form. The LRSD will require the employee to complete the appropriate Certification of Healthcare Provider form.

The employee must return a completed Certification of Healthcare Provider form within fifteen (15) calendar days of the LRSD request. Failure to provide the required Certification of Healthcare Provider form within the 15 calendar days notice may result in FMLA coverage being denied until the required certification is provided.

Specific dates (start date and estimated return date) MUST be provided in the Certification of Healthcare Provider form. Statements such as “until further notice”, “undetermined,” or “until next appointment”, etc. will NOT be accepted.

If the Certification of Healthcare Provider form is incomplete or insufficient, Human Resources (HR) will notify the employee in writing of such, stating what information is needed to cure the deficiency. The employee must cure the deficiency within seven (7) calendar days of the notification of the deficiency, unless impracticable under the circumstances despite the employee's diligent good faith efforts. Failure to provide an adequate Certification of Healthcare Provider form may result in the denial of FMLA coverage.

The LRSD will maintain the coverage under any group health plan for any employee on medical leave on the same conditions as coverage would have been provided if the employee had been continuously employed during the leave period. Any share of group health insurance premiums which had been paid by the employee prior to medical leave must continue to be paid by the employee during the medical leave period.

Prior to returning to work, the employee shall submit a “Medical Leave Return to Work Certification” form completed by the employee's health care provider. The Medical Leave Return to Work Certification may be submitted to HR in-person, by mail or by facsimile at (501) 447-1162. The employee should NOT return to work until he/she makes contact with HR and the employee receives authorization to return to work. HR will notify the employee’s supervisor of the employee’s return to work.

Employee Name (Print)  Employee Signature  Date
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Please submit original (not a copy) to:
Human Resources Department
ATTN: Medical Leave

Date: ___________________________ Social Security Number__________________________

Employee’s Name (Print): ____________________________________________________________

Position: __________________________ Location: _________________________________

Phone Number: __________________________ Alternate Number: ________________________

Address: __________________________ Apt: __________________________

City: __________________ State: _____ Zip Code________ Email Address:__________________

• I understand that my request for a medical leave of absence must be accompanied by a Certification of Healthcare Provider form, which must be provided within 15 days of the request.

• I also understand that my medical leave will run concurrently with my accrued paid sick leave. Request for Medical Leave must be made 30 days prior to the date requested leave is to begin.

Please initial: _______

I request a Medical Leave of Absence for one or more of the following reasons:

☐ The birth of a child, or the placement of a child with me for adoption or foster care; or

☐ A serious health condition that makes me unable to perform the essential functions of my job; or

☐ A serious health condition affecting my ☐ spouse ☐ child ☐ parent for which I am needed to provided care; or

☐ Any qualifying exigency arising from my ☐ spouse ☐ child ☐ parent
Who is on active military duty, or has been notified of any impending call to active duty status, in support of a contingency operation.

☐ Care for my: ☐ spouse ☐ child ☐ parent or ☐ next of kin who is a covered service member recovering from a serious illness or injury in the line of duty on active military duty, who is a: ☐ current service member ☐ veteran

☐ Military Leave
☐ I am a current service member injured in the line of duty.
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☐ Intermittent Leave or leave on a reduced leave schedule due to:

☐ My own serious health condition  ☐ Care for an immediate family member

The estimated schedule I am requesting for intermittent leave is:


The reason for requesting this schedule is:


If my request for medical leave of absence is granted, I understand that I will be required to provide the District with a statement from my Healthcare Provider confirming that I am fully capable of performing the essential duties of my position prior to my return to work.

    Please initial: ________
    (MUST BE INITIALED)

I UNDERSTAND that I must comply with Little Rock School District procedures for requesting leave and reporting my absences. I also understand that I may be required to provide additional documentation including medical certification as required and as requested by the District.

______________________________  ________________________
Employee’s Signature  Date

For HR District Personnel to Complete:

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A FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE IS:

_____ Approved for Dates: ____________ to ____________ (______ days)

_____ Not approved due to: ________________________________

______________________________  ________________________
Designated Administrator  Date
SECTION I: For Completion by the EMPLOYER

INSTRUCTIONS to the EMPLOYER: The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) provides that an employer may require an employee seeking FMLA protections because of a need for leave due to a serious health condition to submit a medical certification issued by the employee’s health care provider. Please complete Section I before giving this form to your employee. Your response is voluntary. While you are not required to use this form, you may not ask the employee to provide more information than allowed under the FMLA regulations, 29 C.F.R. §§ 825.306-825.308. Employers must generally maintain records and documents relating to medical certifications, recertifications, or medical histories of employees 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.

Employer name and contact: __________________________________________

Employee’s job title: ___________________________ Regular work schedule: ___________________________

Employee’s essential job functions: __________________________________________

Check if job description is attached: ______

SECTION II: For Completion by the EMPLOYEE

INSTRUCTIONS to the EMPLOYEE: Please complete Section II before giving this form to your medical provider. The FMLA permits an employer to require that you submit a timely, complete, and sufficient medical certification to support a request for FMLA leave due to your own serious health condition. If requested by your employer, your response is required to obtain or retain the benefit of FMLA protections. 29 U.S.C. §§ 2613, 2614(c)(3). Failure to provide a complete and sufficient medical certification may result in a denial of your FMLA request. 20 C.F.R. § 825.313. Your employer must give you at least 15 calendar days to return this form. 29 C.F.R. § 825.305(b).

Your name: ___________________________________________________________

First Middle Last

SECTION III: For Completion by the HEALTH CARE PROVIDER - RETURN TO THE PATIENT

INSTRUCTIONS to the HEALTH CARE PROVIDER: Your patient has requested leave under the FMLA. Answer, fully and completely, all applicable parts. Several questions seek a response as to the frequency or duration of a condition, treatment, etc. Your answer should be your best estimate based upon your medical knowledge, experience, and examination of the patient. Be as specific as you can; terms such as “lifetime,” “unknown,” or “indeterminate” may not be sufficient to determine FMLA coverage. Limit your responses to the condition for which the employee is seeking leave. Do 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), or the manifestation of disease or disorder in the employee’s family members, 29 C.F.R. §1635.3(b). Please be sure to sign the form on the last page.

Provider’s name and business address: _______________________________________

Type of practice / Medical specialty: _______________________________________

Telephone: (___)________________________ Fax: (___)________________________
PART A: MEDICAL FACTS

1. Approximate date condition commenced: ____________________________
   Probable duration of condition: ____________________________

Mark below as applicable:
Was the patient admitted for an overnight stay in a hospital, hospice, or residential medical care facility?
   _____No   _____Yes. If so, dates of admission:
   ____________________________

Date(s) you treated the patient for condition:
   ____________________________

Will the patient need to have treatment visits at least twice per year due to the condition? _____No _____Yes.

Was medication, other than over-the-counter medication, prescribed? _____No _____Yes.

Was the patient referred to other health care provider(s) for evaluation or treatment (e.g., physical therapist)? _____No _____Yes.
If so, state the nature of such treatments and expected duration of treatment:
   ____________________________

2. Is the medical condition pregnancy? _____No _____Yes. If so, expected delivery date: ____________________________

3. Use the information provided by the employer in Section I to answer this question. If the employer fails to provide a list of the employee’s essential functions or a job description, answer these questions based upon the employee’s own description of his/her job functions.

Is the employee unable to perform any of his/her job functions due to the condition: _____No _____Yes.
If so, identify the job functions the employee is unable to perform:
   ____________________________

4. Describe other relevant medical facts, if any, related to the condition for which the employee seeks leave (such medical facts may include symptoms, diagnosis, or any regimen of continuing treatment such as the use of specialized equipment):
   ____________________________
   ____________________________
   ____________________________
   ____________________________
B: AMOUNT OF LEAVE NEEDED

5. Will the employee be incapacitated for a single continuous period of time due to his/her medical condition, including any time for treatment and recovery? ____No ____Yes.

   If so, estimate the beginning and ending dates for the period of incapacity (statements such as: “unknown”, “in definite”, “until next appointment”, etc will not be accepted):
   beginning date: ___________________ ending date: ___________________

6. Will the employee need to attend follow-up treatment appointments or work part-time or on a reduced schedule because of the employee’s medical condition? ____No ____Yes.

   If so, are the treatments or the reduced number of hours of work medically necessary? ____No ____Yes.

   Estimate treatment schedule, if any, including the dates of any scheduled appointments and the time required for each appointment, including any recovery period (statements such as: “unknown”, “in definite”, “until next appointment”, etc. will not be accepted):

   Estimate the part-time or reduced work schedule the employee needs, if any:
   _______ hour(s) per day; _______ days per week from ________________ through ________________

7. Will the condition cause episodic flare-ups periodically preventing the employee from performing his/her job functions? ____No ____Yes.

   Is it medically necessary for the employee to be absent from work during the flare-ups? _____No _____Yes. If so, explain:

   __________________________________________________________

   __________________________________________________________

   Based upon the patient’s medical history and your knowledge of the medical condition, estimate the frequency of flare-ups and the duration of related incapacity that the patient may have over the next 6 months (e.g., 1 episode every 3 months lasting 1-2 days):

   Frequency: _______ times per ____week(s) _______ month(s)

   Duration: ______ hours or _______ day(s) per episode

ADDITONAL INFORMATION: IDENTIFY QUESTION NUMBER WITH YOUR ADDITIONAL ANSWER.

_________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________

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_________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________
MEDICAL LEAVE RETURN TO WORK CERTIFICATION

EMPLOYEE:

Employee Name (Print):__________________________________________________________

Position:__________________ Location:______________________________________________

Phone Number:__________________ Email address:____________________________________

Employee Signature:__________________ Date:_______________________________________

TREATING HEALTH CARE PROVIDER:

Please review the attached job description. Based on your review of the attached job
description is the above employee able to perform the essential functions of the
position?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes, with restrictions or accommodations

Please list any restrictions/limitations or describe accommodations which LRSD
should consider:
MEDICAL LEAVE RETURN TO WORK CERTIFICATION

TREATING HEALTH CARE PROVIDER (continued):

Are the restrictions/limitations: □ Permanent □ Temporary, until (Date): ________________________________

Comments:

Employee is released to return to work effective (Date): ________________________________

Treating Healthcare Practitioner Name (Print): _________________________________________

Treating Healthcare Practitioner Signature: _____________________________________________

Specialty: _______________________________________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________________

Phone number: ____________________________________________________________________

Date: _________________________________ Contact Phone Number: _______________________
Basic Leave Entitlement
FMLA requires covered employers to provide up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave to eligible employees for the following reasons:

• For incapacity due to pregnancy, prenatal medical care or child birth;
• To care for the employee’s child after birth, or placement for adoption or foster care;
• To care for the employee’s spouse, son or daughter, or parent, who has a serious health condition; or
• For a serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the employee’s job.

Military Family Leave Entitlements
Eligible employees with a spouse, son, daughter, or parent on active duty or call to active duty status in the National Guard or Reserves in support of a contingency operation may use their 12-week leave entitlement to address certain qualifying exigencies. Qualifying exigencies may include attending certain military events, arranging for alternative childcare, addressing certain financial and legal arrangements, attending certain counseling sessions, and attending post-deployment reintegration briefings.

FMLA also includes a special leave entitlement that permits eligible employees to take up to 26 weeks of leave to care for a covered servicemember during a single 12-month period. A covered servicemember is a current member of the Armed Forces, including a member of the National Guard or Reserves, who has a serious injury or illness incurred in the line of duty on active duty that may render the servicemember medically unfit to perform his or her duties for which the servicemember is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy; or is in outpatient status; or is on the temporary disability retired list.

Benefits and Protections
During FMLA leave, the employer must maintain the employee’s health coverage under any “group health plan” on the same terms as if the employee had continued to work. Upon return from FMLA leave, most employees must be restored to their original or equivalent positions with equivalent pay, benefits, and other employment terms.

Use of FMLA leave cannot result in the loss of any employment benefit that accrued prior to the start of an employee’s leave.

Eligibility Requirements
Employees are eligible if they have worked for a covered employer for at least one year, for 1,250 hours over the previous 12 months, and if at least 50 employees are employed by the employer within 75 miles.

Definition of Serious Health Condition
A serious health condition is an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves either an overnight stay in a medical care facility, or continuing treatment by a health care provider for a condition that either prevents the employee from performing the functions of the employee’s job, or prevents the qualified family member from participating in school or other daily activities.

Subject to certain conditions, the continuing treatment requirement may be met by a period of incapacity of more than 3 consecutive calendar days combined with at least two visits to a health care provider or one visit and a regimen of continuing treatment, or incapacity due to pregnancy, or incapacity due to a chronic condition. Other conditions may meet the definition of continuing treatment.

Use of Leave
An employee does not need to use this leave entitlement in one block. Leave can be taken intermittently or on a reduced leave schedule when medically necessary. Employees must make reasonable efforts to schedule leave for planned medical treatment so as not to unduly disrupt the employer’s operations. Leave due to qualifying exigencies may also be taken on an intermittent basis.

Substitution of Paid Leave for Unpaid Leave
Employees may choose or employers may require use of accrued paid leave while taking FMLA leave. In order to use paid leave for FMLA leave, employees must comply with the employer’s normal paid leave policies.

Employee Responsibilities
Employees must provide 30 days advance notice of the need to take FMLA leave when the need is foreseeable. When 30 days notice is not possible, the employee must provide notice as soon as practicable and generally must comply with an employer’s normal call-in procedures.

Employees must provide sufficient information for the employer to determine if the leave may qualify for FMLA protection and the anticipated timing and duration of the leave. Sufficient information may include that the employee is unable to perform job functions, the family member is unable to perform daily activities, the need for hospitalization or continuing treatment by a health care provider, or circumstances supporting the need for military family leave. Employees also must inform the employer if the requested leave is for a reason for which FMLA leave was previously taken or certified. Employees also may be required to provide a certification and periodic recertification supporting the need for leave.

Employer Responsibilities
Covered employers must inform employees requesting leave whether they are eligible under FMLA. If they are, the notice must specify any additional information required as well as the employees’ rights and responsibilities. If they are not eligible, the employer must provide a reason for the ineligibility.

Covered employers must inform employees if leave will be designated as FMLA-protected and the amount of leave counted against the employee’s leave entitlement. If the employer determines that the leave is not FMLA-protected, the employer must notify the employee.

Unlawful Acts by Employers
FMLA makes it unlawful for any employer to:

• Interfere with, restrain, or deny the exercise of any right provided under FMLA;
• Discharge or discriminate against any person for opposing any practice made unlawful by FMLA or for involvement in any proceeding under or relating to FMLA.

Enforcement
An employee may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Labor or may bring a private lawsuit against an employer.

FMLA does not affect any Federal or State law prohibiting discrimination, or supersede any State or local law or collective bargaining agreement which provides greater family or medical leave rights.

FMLA section 109 (29 U.S.C. § 2619) requires FMLA covered employers to post the text of this notice. Regulations 29 C.F.R. § 825.300(a) may require additional disclosures.