

FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE

In accordance with the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA), eligible employees are entitled to a total of 12 workweeks of unpaid leave during any rolling 12-month period for one or more of the following:

- birth of a child of the employee and in order to care for such child;
- placement of a child with the employee for adoption or foster care;
- 13 to care for the spouse, child or parent of the employee if such spouse, child or parent has a serious condition;
- a serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the essential functions of their position.

Upon approval, the employee using Family/Medical Leave will exhaust all forms of paid leave to which he/she is entitled under the circumstances, including but not limited to personal, sick, annual, and parental leave, before being given any unpaid leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993. All leave used will count towards the total 12 weeks of Family/Medical Leave available. Additional leave beyond the twelve weeks may be granted depending upon the circumstances and needs of the employee with appropriate documentation.

If the employee using Family/Medical Leave is enrolled in one of the College's group health plans, this health coverage will continue (at the same level and under the same conditions) for the duration of the period of leave, not to exceed 12 workweeks. Additionally, all benefits normally provided to the employee will continue to be provided during any period of paid leave. However, if all paid leave is exhausted and the employee is on unpaid leave, certain benefits paid through payroll deduction, will cease and arrangements will need to be made for the payment of health benefit premiums. Specific guidance relating to the use of Family/Medical Leave will be provided by the Office of Human Resources.

Intermittent leave or reduced work schedule may not be taken unless prior approval is obtained from an employee's supervisor and the Office of Human Resources. If intermittent leave or a reduced work schedule is warranted, a schedule must be submitted to the Office of Human Resources prior to approval.

Upon mutual agreement between the department head and the employee a longer period of unpaid leave may be granted. Documentation from the employee's medical provider must be submitted to the Office of Human Resources for an extended leave beyond the twelve (12) weeks mandated under the FMLA.

The College may extend the period of FMLA leave beyond twelve weeks, as provided below:

Length of Service

With the College at start of FMLA

Additional FMLA Leave

At least 3 years	4 Weeks
More than 3 years, but less than 9 years	8 Weeks
9 years or more years, but less than 20 years	12 Weeks
20 years or more	16 Weeks

For any extended leave period, all FMLA requirements continue to apply.