



POLICY: 6Hx28:3D-05

Responsible Executive: Vice President,
Organizational Development & Human
Resources

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Sick Leave Pool

Policy Statement:

The president or designee is authorized to establish a sick leave pool program and implementing procedures for full-time employees. The program is designed to aid participating members of the pool who have exhausted all sick leave.

Policy History:

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Related Documents/Policies:

None.

Procedures:

I. Eligibility

- A. Any full-time employee is eligible to join the pool during an announced enrollment period provided the employee:

1. Has been employed full-time with the College for twelve (12) consecutive months;
 2. Has accumulated 10 days of unused sick leave; and
 3. Has not declined a previous enrollment opportunity as a regular employee of the College.
- B. Any employee who meets the eligibility requirements shall have only one (1) opportunity to join the pool, except that a person who changes from a full-time temporary-employee classification to a regular full-time employee classification shall have one (1) additional opportunity to join the pool after achieving regular-employee status.
- C. Once an employee becomes a member of the sick leave pool, the employee will remain a member as long as they remain as an active employee, contribute to replenishing the pool and is not removed from the pool.
- D. An employee who wishes to terminate their membership in the sick leave pool must do so by submitting a written request to Organizational Development and Human Resources. An employee who terminates their membership shall not be permitted to rejoin the sick leave pool.

II. Member Utilization Guidelines

- A. Eligible employees who seek to draw days from the sick leave pool will be required to submit a physician's statement on the approved sick leave form to a Human Resource Compliance representative.
- B. Any sick leave drawn from the pool must be used for the employee's personal illness, accident, or injury. Family illness is not covered by this program. Elective surgery is excluded from sick leave pool usage. Complications arising out of elective surgery may be eligible for sick leave pool usage if the complications meet the 'serious health condition' criteria as defined in accordance with the Family and Medical Leave Act.
- C. An employee will be eligible to draw days from the sick leave pool only after they have exhausted all of his or her earned sick leave.
- D. The first day drawn from the pool will establish a 12-month draw period; a new draw period cannot begin until the previous 12-month draw period has expired. During a draw period, a pool member will be able to draw from the pool whichever is greater: thirty (30) days or a number of days equal to the highest number of accrued personal sick leave days that the employee has attained since his or her last

draw period, up to a maximum of 120 days. An employee who has not had a previous draw period will be able to draw from the pool which is greater: thirty (30) days or a number of days equal to the highest number of accrued personal sick leave days that the employee has attained since joining the pool, up to a maximum of 120 days.

- E. An employee using the sick leave pool (except in association with termination of employment) will continue to accrue leave for which they are eligible; however, accrued sick leave must be exhausted before the employee can use additional days from the sick leave pool.
- F. A contractual employee is limited to drawing time from the pool in accordance with his or her contract; for example, a faculty member cannot use the sick leave pool during a summer term for which the faculty member does not have a contract.
- G. Employees receiving Workers' Compensation payments are eligible to receive partial sick leave days from the pool. The partial sick leave days when converted to cash and added to Workers' Compensation payments may not exceed the employee's salary.

III. Sick Leave Pool Program

- A. The sick leave pool program shall be administered by a board of directors consisting of three (3) faculty and six (6) staff employees. The Vice President of Organizational Development and Human Resources or designee will serve as an ex-officio member. Members of the board will be elected by sick leave pool members in their respective collegewide constituent classifications: for example, each year, staff members of the sick leave pool will elect two (2) staff representatives to the board; likewise, faculty pool members will elect one (1) faculty representative each year to the board. Board members will serve staggered three (3) year terms.
- B. Use of sick leave from the sick leave pool will be contingent upon the availability of days in the pool.
- C. Participating employees shall make equal contributions of accrued sick leave to join or replenish the pool. The initial contribution will be three (3) days of sick leave. Thereafter, contributions shall be determined by the board of directors. Any sick leave days contributed to the pool shall not be recoverable for any other purpose.
- D. A determination of pool replenishment may be made by the board of directors if the sick leave pool hours drop below the minimum threshold. The board of directors shall approve the amount of hours to be deducted from each sick leave

pool member. Pool members shall be notified of this assessment and have the opportunity to remain or resign from the sick leave pool program. Ten (10) days after written notification of this assessment, contributions to replenish the pool shall automatically be transferred from a member's personal sick leave account without further authorization. A member who does not have an adequate number of days to transfer may petition to remain a member while accruing the number of days needed.

- E. Alleged abuse of the sick leave pool shall be investigated by a representative of Organizational Development and Human Resources. If there is a finding of wrongdoing, the offending member of the sick leave pool may be required to repay all sick leave credits drawn from the pool, may be subject to removal from the sick leave pool, and may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination from employment.

IV. Enrollment Period

- A. Participation in the sick leave pool is voluntary.
- B. Enrollment periods shall be held twice within a calendar year, and shall be open only to employees who previously have not been eligible to join (with the exception of the individuals who change from temporary to regular status as described in procedure section I. B.).
- C. The Vice President of Organizational Development and Human Resources or designee may authorize open enrollment periods for all eligible employees at such other times as they determine to be appropriate.

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