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**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
AND THE
SAN DIEGO DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSELS ASSOCIATION
(CC AND CS UNITS)**

PAID LEAVES - USE OF SICK LEAVE

- I. This attests to and records the agreement of the parties to amend the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding Paid Leaves.

ARTICLE 6. PAID LEAVES

Section 4. Sick Leave

Sick leave is paid leave earned and granted to an eligible employee for absences from work caused by personal illness or injury, for emergency or routine medical or dental appointments, and for reasonable travel time to and from health care facilities. An employee who is incapacitated for work because of pregnancy may be granted sick leave upon presentation of satisfactory evidence from a physician verifying the incapacity.

An employee may also be granted up to a maximum of five (5) work days sick leave for a single absence to care for an ill or injured member of the employee's immediate family, or when the employee's presence is required for a critical or terminal illness of a member of the employee's immediate family. If the employee requests paid sick leave in excess of five (5) work days in order to care or arrange care for a member of his/her immediate family who is critically or terminally ill, additional sick leave is available to the employee when granted by the appointing authority upon receipt of satisfactory verification from a physician. The definition for immediate family under this section is defined in Article 6, Section 4.C.

A. Eligibility

Employees eligible to earn sick leave are those employees who are paid at a biweekly rate, and who have regularly scheduled paid service of not less than one-half (½) of the standard eighty (80) hour pay period.

B. Earnings

Eligible employees shall earn sick leave credit at the rate of five percent (5%) of the employee's regularly scheduled hours per pay period. The hour/day approximate equivalent sick leave accrual for full-time employees over one (1) year (twenty-six (26) pay periods) is one hundred four (104) hours, or thirteen (13) days. Sick leave is credited in units of one-tenth (1/10th) of one (1) hour, up to a maximum of four (4) hours, at the beginning of the pay period following the one in which it was earned.

Paid holidays immediately preceding, immediately following, or wholly within the period for which sick leave is granted shall not be regarded as part of such period of sick leave.

C. Definition of Immediate Family

Immediate family includes husband, wife, domestic partner, child, stepchild, grandchild, brother, stepbrother, sister, stepsister, parent, guardian, stepparent, foster parent or grandparent or any person serving as a parent, or who has served as a parent, or any other person living in the same household as the employee.

D. Use of Sick Leave

Sick leave is available the first day of the pay period following the pay period in which it was earned, and is taken in units of one-tenth (1/10) of one hour. Use of sick leave is subject to the approval of the appointing authority. Upon request of an employee, the appointing authority may allow the substitution of three (3) or more days of sick leave for paid vacation, ~~provided the employee furnishes a doctor's statement or other satisfactory evidence that the employee was ill or injured for three (3) or more consecutive days.~~ if the employee was ill or injured.

E. Request for Sick Leave

Each request for sick leave shall set forth the reasons for the request and such further information as may be required. For employees who have used fifty-two (52) or more hours of sick leave in a calendar year, each subsequent Each request for more than five (5) consecutive work days, or forty (40) hours, if employee is on an alternate work schedule, ~~of sick leave~~ shall be accompanied by a doctor's verification or other evidence satisfactory to the appointing authority which demonstrates the employee's incapacity to return to work or necessity to be absent. A request because of the death of a member of the employee's immediate family will not require such verification.

Upon request of the appointing authority, an employee shall be required to provide the above-described verification of the proper use of sick leave at any time prior to the expiration of five (5) consecutive work days, if the appointing authority has good cause to require such earlier verification and has so informed the employee.

- III. This amendment is contingent upon adoption of an amendment to the County Compensation Ordinance by the County Board of Supervisors.

FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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