

# **LOA REQUIREMENTS**



JOB AID PA-24

The purpose of this job aid is to outline an employee's entitlements when out on Workers' Compensation, Short-term Disability Leave – Pay Status, Short-term Disability – Regular, Family Medical Leave Pay, Family Medical Leave without Pay (LWOP), Military Return to Active Duty (RAD) – Pay Status and 30-day Calendar, and Extended Military Active Duty and other Military LWOP. It covers eligibility for items such as accrued leave, longevity, service credits, and health benefits

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# Workers' Compensation

Type of Action	Accrue Leave	Longevity Paid	Eligible for Holidays	Burn Leave	Creditable (Retirement) Service	Earn Aggregate Service (Leave Earning Rates)	State Health Plan Benefits Paid by Agency (EE Only)	State Health Plan Benefits Paid by Active EE for Family	NC Flex Benefits Paid by EE	Appt Status
On leave entire 40 hours	Leave continues to accrue. Added to balance when return to work permanently.*	Yes (EE and Retirement)	Yes	Supplement only (Exception: Supplement cannot be used during A/A 9685 - Salary Continuation/Injury Leave exhaustion.)	No, may purchase when return FT	Yes	Yes	Yes	EE pays directly to vendor(s)	Perm Full/Active
Working less than 20 hours	Pro-rated, Leave continues to accrue in proportion to hours worked. Added to balance when return to work permanently.	Yes (EE and Retirement)	Yes (Prorated if applicable)	Can burn leave only for the scheduled work hours	Cannot contribute	Yes. If pro-rated, must monitor for any accrual rate changes. Requires manual update when return to work permanently.	Yes	Yes	EE pays directly to vendor(s)	Perm PT/ Active
working 20-29 hours	Pro-rated, Leave continues to accrue in proportion to hours worked. Added to balance when return to work permanently.	Yes (EE and Retirement)	Yes (Prorated if applicable)	Can burn leave only for the scheduled work hours	Cannot contribute	Yes. If pro-rated, must monitor for any accrual rate changes. Requires manual update when return to work permanently.	Yes	Yes	EE eligible to re-enroll in NC Flex Plans held prior to LOA	Perm PT/ Active
Working 30-39 hours	Pro-rated, Leave continues to accrue in proportion to hours worked. Added to balance when return to work permanently.	Yes (EE and Retirement)	Yes (Prorated if applicable)	can only burn leave for the scheduled work hours	Yes	Yes. If pro-rated, must monitor for any accrual rate changes. Requires manual update when return to work permanently.	Yes	Yes	EE eligible to re-enroll in NC Flex Plans held prior to LOA	Perm PT/ Active

## **Workers' Compensation Notes:**

## State Health Plan

- Employer contribution will continue as long as the employee is on WC and has not been separated from employment.
- Employees on LOA WC are responsible for sending any dependent premiums and/or any employee only costs to BEST Shared Services.

# Short-Term Disability Leave — Pay Status

	Type of Action	Accrue Leave	Longevity Paid	Eligible for Holidays	Burn Leave	Creditable (Retirement) Service	Earn Aggregate Service (Leave Earning Rates)	State Health Plan Benefits Paid by Agency (EE Only)	State Health Plan Benefits Paid by Active EE for Family	NC Flex Benefits Paid by EE	Appt Status
On	leave entire 40 hours	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Perm Full/ Active

### **Short-Term Disability Leave – Pay Status Notes:**

• LI Increase - Is subject to LI legislation rule.

# Short-Term Disability – Regular

Type of Action	Accrue Leave	Longevity paid	Eligible for Holidays	Burn Leave	Creditable (Retirement) Service	Earn Aggregate Service (Leave Earning rates)	State Health Plan Benefits Paid by Agency (EE only)	State Health Plan Benefits Paid by Active EE for Family	NC Flex Benefits Paid by EE	Appt Status
		Partial on front end or			Non- contributory (Agency requests reimbursement after 12-month		Yes, if receiving the STD benefit and meet the 5 yrs. Creditable	Deduct from ST benefit (*see	EE pays directly	Dorm Full/
On leave entire 40 hours	No	when they come back	No	No	period)	No	service (*see Notes below)	Notes below)	to vendor(s)	Perm Full/ Active
Washing base the sea 20	Na	N.	N.	N	Non-contributory (Agency requests reimbursement after 12-month	Na	Yes, if receiving the STD benefit and meet the 5 yrs. Creditable service (*see	Deduct from ST benefit (*see	EE pays directly to	Perm PT/
Working less than 20	No	No  Based on salary at the	Prorated (can earn it, but not burn it if ST benefit	No, if receiving	Non-contributory (Agency requests reimbursement after 12-month	No Yes, must work at least 1/2 working days & holidays, in pay status: account for hours	Yes, if w/in the 12-month period & meet the 5 yrs. (*see Notes	Notes below)  Deduct from ST benefit (*see	vendor(s)  EE eligible to re- enroll in NC Flex Plans held prior to	Active Perm PT/
Working 20-29	Prorated	time	is more)	Benefit	period)	scheduled	below)	Notes below)	LOA	Active

Type of Action	Accrue Leave	Longevity paid	Eligible for Holidays	Burn Leave	Creditable (Retirement) Service	Earn Aggregate Service (Leave Earning rates)	State Health Plan Benefits Paid by Agency (EE only)	State Health Plan Benefits Paid by Active EE for Family	NC Flex Benefits Paid by EE	Appt Status
		•	•			Yes, must	, ,,	-	EE	
						work at least			eligible	
					Non-	1/2 working			to re-	
			Prorated		contributory	days &			enroll in	
			(can earn		(Agency	holidays, in			NC Flex	
			it, but not	No, if	request	pay status:			Plans	
		Based on	burn it if	receiving	reimbursement	account for		Deduct from ST	held	
		salary at the	ST benefit	ST	after 12-month	hours	Yes (**see Notes	benefit (*see	prior to	Perm PT/
Working 30-39	Prorated	time	is more)	Benefit	period)	scheduled	below)	Notes below)	LOA	Active

### **Short-Term Disability – Regular Notes:**

- Cannot exhaust leave while receiving ST benefit for that day. EE can come back and earn leave, but not exhaust leave.
- \* State Health Plan Benefits: Effective 9/1/2011, employee's in the 80/20 plan who don't pay their premium will be reduced to the 70/30 plan.
- \*\*If working 30 hours or more, STD must be forfeited in order to be eligible for health insurance.
- LI Increase is subject to LI legislation rule.

# Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) – Pay Status

Type of Action	Accrue Leave	Longevity Paid	Eligible for Holidays	Burn Leave	Creditable (Retirement) Service	Earn Aggregate Service (Leave Earning Rates)	State Health Plan Benefits Paid by Agency (EE only)	State Health Plan Benefits Paid by Active EE for Family	NC Flex Benefits Paid by EE	Appt Status
On leave entire 40 hours	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Perm Full/ Active

## FMLA – Pay Status Notes:

• LI Increase – Is subject to LI legislation rule.

# Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) – LWOP

Type of Action	Accrue Leave	Longevity paid	Eligible for Holidays	Burn Leave	Creditable (Retirement) Service	Earn Aggregate Service (Leave Earning Rates)	State Health Plan Benefits Paid by Agency (EE only)	State Health Plan Benefits Paid by Active EE for Family	NC Flex Benefits paid by EE	Appt Status
On leave entire 40 hours	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes (*see Notes below)	EE pays directly to vendor(s)	Perm Full/ Active
Working less than 20	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes, must notify BEST Benefits	Yes (*see Notes below)	EE pays directly to vendor(s)	Perm PT/ Active
Working 20-29	Prorated	In pay status for one- half or more regular workdays/holidays in pay period (based on current salary)	Prorated	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, must notify BEST Benefits	Yes (*see Notes below)	EE eligible to re-enroll in NC Flex Plans held prior to LOA	Perm PT/ Active
Working 30-39	Prorated	In pay status for one- half or more regular workdays/holidays in pay period (based on current salary)	Prorated	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (*see Notes below)	EE eligible to re-enroll in NC Flex Plans held prior to LOA	Perm PT/ Active

### FMLA – LWOP NOTES:

- \*State Health Plan Benefits: Effective 9/1/2011, employees in the 80/20 who don't pay their premium will be reduced to the 70/30 plan.
- LI Increase is subject to LI legislation rule.

# Military/Return to Active Duty (RAD) Leave – Pay Status and 30 Calendar Days

Type of Action	Accrue Leave	Longevity Paid	Eligible for Holidays	Burn Leave	Creditable (Retirement) Service	Earn Aggregate Service (Leave Earning Rates)	State Health Plan Benefits Paid by Agency (EE only)	State Health Plan Benefits Paid by Active EE for Family	NC Flex Benefits Paid by EE	Appt Status
		Yes	Yes (prior to	Yes (prior to						
On leave entire 40	Yes (Prorated	(Prorated	30 days of	30 days of						Perm Full or PT/
hours	for PT)	for PT)	full pay)	full pay)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Active

# Military/Return to Active Duty (RAD) (on 31st day AFTER 30 Calendar Days of Full Pay)

Type of Action	Accrue Leave	Longevity Paid	Eligible for Holidays	Burn Leave	Creditable (Retirement) Service	Earn Aggregate Service (Leave Earning Rates)	State Health Plan Benefits Paid by Agency (EE only)	State Health Plan Benefits Paid by Active EE for Family	NC Flex Benefits Paid by EE	Appt Status
							Yes, 30 days from date of			
							military orders			
							or end of the			
On LOA-LWOP (Do							month after			
not push 9400s		Yes					exhaustion of		EE pays	
because it will stop	Yes (Prorated	(Prorated					the 30 calendar		directly to	Perm Full or
longevity pay)	for PT)	for PT)	No	No	Yes	Yes	days	Yes	vendor(s)	PT/Active

#### **Military RAD Notes:**

- State Duty the State continues to pay for health coverage for National Guard.
- Federal Active Duty the State will pay for health coverage while exhausting leave and for at least 30 days from the date of active service.
- LI Increase Is subject to LI legislation rule.
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# Extended Military – Extended Active Duty and Other Military LWOP

Type of Action	Accrue Leave	Longevity Paid	Eligible for Holidays	Burn Leave	Creditable (Retirement) Service	Earn Aggregate Service (Leave Earning Rates)	State Health Plan Benefits Paid by Agency (EE Only)	State Health Plan Benefits Paid by Active EE for Family	NC Flex Benefits Paid by EE	Appt Status
		Prorated (balance paid when EE	-		Yes, Non-	Yes (if	Yes, 30 days			
		returns and completes a			contributory (must apply for	reinstated within the	from date of active		EE pays directly to	Perm Full or
On LOA-LWOP	No	full year)	No	No	it)	time limits)	service	No	vendor(s)	PT/Active

#### **Extended Military Notes:**

- State Duty the State continues to pay for health coverage for National Guard.
- Federal Active Duty the State will pay for health coverage while exhausting leave and for at least 30 days from the date of active service.
- LI Increase Is subject to LI legislation rule.