

### Subpart I—Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

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#### § 630.901 Purpose and applicability.

(a) *Purpose.* The purpose of this subpart is to set forth procedures and requirements for a voluntary leave transfer program under which the unused accrued annual leave of one agency officer or employee may be transferred for use by another agency officer or employee who needs such leave because of a medical emergency.

(b) *Applicability.* This subpart applies to officers and employees to whom subchapter I of chapter 63 of title 5, United States Code, applies.

#### § 630.902 Definitions.

*Agency* means—

(a) An *Executive agency*, as defined in 5 U.S.C. 105;

(b) A *military department*, as defined in 5 U.S.C. 102; or

(c) Any other entity of the Federal Government that employs officers or employees to whom subchapter I of chapter 63 of title 5, United States Code, applies. *Agency* does not include the Central Intelligence Agency; the Defense Intelligence Agency; the National Security Agency; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; or any other Executive agency or unit thereof, as determined by the President, whose principal function is the conduct of foreign intelligence or counterintelligence activities.

*Available paid leave* means accrued or accumulated annual or sick leave under subchapter I of chapter 63 of title 5, United States Code, and recredited and restored annual or sick leave under subpart E of this part. *Available paid leave* does not include annual or sick leave advanced to an employee under 5 U.S.C. 6302(d) or 6307(c) or any annual or sick leave accrued under § 630.907(a) that has not been transferred to the appropriate leave account under § 630.907(c).

*Employee* has the meaning given that term in 5 U.S.C. 6301(2), except an individual employed by the government of the District of Columbia.

*Family member* means the following relatives of the employee:

(a) Spouse, and parents thereof;

(b) Children, including adopted children, and spouses thereof;

(c) Parents;

(d) Brothers and sisters, and spouses thereof; and

(e) Any individual related by blood or affinity whose close association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship.

*Leave donor* means an employee whose voluntary written request for transfer of annual leave to the annual leave account of a leave recipient is approved by his or her own employing agency.

*Leave recipient* means a current employee for whom the employing agency has approved an application to receive annual leave from the annual leave accounts of one or more leave donors.

*Medical emergency* means a medical condition of an employee or a family member of such employee that is likely to require an employee's absence from duty for a prolonged period of time and to result in a substantial loss of income to the employee because of the unavailability of paid leave.

*Paid leave status under subchapter I* means the administrative status of an employee while the employee is using annual or sick leave accrued or accumulated under subchapter I of chapter 63 of title 5, United States Code.

*Shared leave status* means the administrative status of an employee while the employee is using transferred leave under this subpart or leave transferred from a leave bank under subpart J of this part.

#### § 630.903 Administrative procedures.

Each Federal agency shall establish and administer procedures to permit the voluntary transfer of annual leave consistent with this subpart.

#### § 630.904 Application to become a leave recipient.

(a) An employee may make written application to his or her employing agency to become a leave recipient. If an employee is not capable of making application on his or her own behalf, a

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personal representative of the potential leave recipient may make written application on his or her behalf.

(b) Each application shall be accompanied by the following information concerning each potential leave recipient:

(1) The name, position title, and grade or pay level of the potential leave recipient;

(2) The reasons transferred leave is needed, including a brief description of the nature, severity, and anticipated duration of the medical emergency, and if it is a recurring one, the approximate frequency of the medical emergency affecting the potential leave recipient;

(3) Certification from one or more physicians, or other appropriate experts, with respect to the medical emergency, if the potential leave recipient's employing agency so requires; and

(4) Any additional information that may be required by the potential leave recipient's employing agency.

(c) If the potential leave recipient's employing agency requires that a potential leave recipient obtain certification from two or more sources under paragraph (b)(3) of this section, the potential leave recipient's employing agency shall ensure, either by direct payment to the expert involved or by reimbursement, that the potential leave recipient is not required to pay for the expenses associated with obtaining certification from more than one source.

**§ 630.905 Approval of application to become a leave recipient.**

(a) The potential leave recipient's employing agency shall review an application to become a leave recipient under procedures established by the employing agency for the purpose of determining that the potential leave recipient is or has been affected by a medical emergency.

(b) Before approving an application to become a leave recipient, the potential leave recipient's employing agency shall determine that the absence from duty without available paid leave because of the medical emergency is (or is expected to be) at least 24 hours (or, in the case of a part-time employee or

an employee with an uncommon tour of duty, at least 30 percent of the average number of hours in the employee's biweekly scheduled tour of duty).

(c) In making a determination as to whether a medical emergency is likely to result in a substantial loss of income, an agency shall not consider factors other than whether the absence from duty without available paid leave is (or is expected to be) at least 24 hours (or, in the case of a part-time employee or an employee with an uncommon tour of duty, at least 30 percent of the average number of hours in the employee's biweekly scheduled tour of duty).

(d) If the application is approved, the employing agency shall notify the leave recipient (or the personal representative who made application on behalf of the leave recipient), within 10 calendar days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal public holidays) after the date the application was received (or the date the employing agency established its administrative procedures, if that date is later), that—

(1) The application has been approved; and

(2) Other employees of the leave recipient's employing agency may request the transfer of annual leave to the account of the leave recipient.

(e) If the application is not approved, the employing agency shall notify the applicant (or the personal representative who made application on behalf of the potential leave recipient), within 10 calendar days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal public holidays) after the date the application was received (or the date the employing agency established its administrative procedures, if that date is later)—

(1) That the application has not been approved; and

(2) The reasons for its disapproval.

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**§ 630.906 Transfer of annual leave.**

(a) An employee may submit a voluntary written request to his or her own employing agency that a specified number of hours of his or her accrued annual leave be transferred from his or her annual leave account to the annual