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Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 2:22 PM

femamax@gmail.com To:

Subject: FMLA

Attachments: Electronic Code of Federal Regulations-PART 825—THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

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To: Alexander, Dennis

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FYI:

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Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 10:04 AM

To: Meindl, Max <max.meindl@fema.dhs.gov> **Cc:** Terry, Detra <detra.terry@fema.dhs.gov>

Subject: Reasonable accommodation

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I believe a little while back you requested to work reduced hours due to medical restrictions. I have reached out to ERO to get more guidance on what employees can do in situations where a supervisor/leadership initially denies an alternative work schedule that was due to medical reason. If you still need or wish to pursue an alternate work schedule through the reasonable accommodation route you can reach out to ERO for more guidance.

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Regards,

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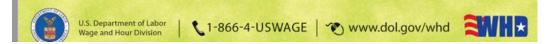
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Amount of Leave – Intermittent Leave

§ 825.202

- Employee is entitled to take intermittent or reduced schedule leave for:
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 - Covered servicemember's serious injury or illness when the leave is medically necessary
 - A qualifying exigency arising out of a military member's covered active duty status
- Leave to bond with a child after the birth or placement must be taken as a continuous block of leave unless the employer agrees to allow intermittent or reduced schedule leave



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Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 3:10 PM

To: Meindl, Max <max.meindl@fema.dhs.gov>

Cc: Obasa, Babajide <babajide.obasa@fema.dhs.gov>

Subject: RE: Timesheet FMLA

Good afternoon,

I will need you to provide me with your paystub showing your hours worked. You can obtain this information from my epp. I need you to submit paystub from when you converted to CORE, PP25 (2018), and PP 7 (2019).

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Regards,

Jacqueline Gause, MSc

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From: Meindl, Max

Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 1:30 PM

To: Gause, Jacqueline < jacqueline.gause@fema.dhs.gov> **Cc:** Obasa, Babajide < babajide.obasa@fema.dhs.gov>

Subject: RE: Timesheet FMLA

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From: Gause, Jacqueline

Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 4:21 PM

To: Meindl, Max <max.meindl@fema.dhs.gov>

Cc: Obasa, Babajide <babajide.obasa@fema.dhs.gov>

Subject: RE: Timesheet FMLA

Good afternoon Max,

Prior to becoming a CORE for the TRO were you employed with FEMA? Currently, you have been with the TRO since June 2018 thus, you do not meet the 1 yr requirement for FMLA. If you have prior time with FEMA as a CORE, reservist, or local hire please let me know so that I can verify the time.

Regards,

Jacqueline Gause, MSc

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From: Meindl, Max

Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 10:39 AM

To: Guelzow, Nicole <nicole.guelzow@fema.dhs.gov>

Cc: McAllister, Jamie <jamie.mcallister@fema.dhs.gov>; Obasa, Babajide <babajide.obasa@fema.dhs.gov>; David,

Patricia <Patricia.David@fema.dhs.gov>; Gause, Jacqueline <jacqueline.gause@fema.dhs.gov>

Subject: RE: Timesheet FMLA

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From: Guelzow, Nicole

Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2019 4:51 PM

To: Meindl, Max <max.meindl@fema.dhs.gov>

Cc: McAllister, Jamie <jamie.mcallister@fema.dhs.gov>; Obasa, Babajide <babajide.obasa@fema.dhs.gov>; David,

Patricia <Patricia.David@fema.dhs.gov>; Gause, Jacqueline <jacqueline.gause@fema.dhs.gov>

Subject: Timesheet FMLA

Importance: High

Good afternoon Max,

I am performing timekeeping duties while your regular timekeeper is out of the office. In reviewing your timesheet, I see that you are claiming LWOP – FMLA.

Have you been approved for FMLA?

If you have, I apologize as the paperwork was not provided to the Austin office. If not, the leave category should be changed to LWOP until you receive approval.

Please let us know the status of your FMLA application as soon as possible so that we can move forward with your timesheet certification.

Respectfully,

Nicole Guelzow, MPA Administrative Specialist (HR) Texas Recovery Office 11000 N Interstate 35 Austin, TX 78753 (202) 718-1306 cell

From: Meindl, Max

Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 1:41 PM

To: Alexander, Dennis

Subject: FW: FMLA

Importance: High

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From: Obasa, Babajide

Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 10:05 AM

To: Silva, Patricia <patricia.silva@fema.dhs.gov>; Meindl, Max <max.meindl@fema.dhs.gov>

Cc: Gause, Jacqueline < jacqueline.gause@fema.dhs.gov>

Subject: RE: FMLA Importance: High

Hello and Happy Tuesday!

Yes Patricia...Jackie will follow up with Mr. Meindl as to the appropriate next steps.

Thank you so much 😂

J-

From: Silva, Patricia

Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 6:36 AM

To: Meindl, Max <max.meindl@fema.dhs.gov>

Cc: Obasa, Babajide <babajide.obasa@fema.dhs.gov>; Gause, Jacqueline <jacqueline.gause@fema.dhs.gov>

Subject: RE: FMLA

Good morning Mr. Meindl,

I have reviewed your paperwork and all seems in order. I have copied Jide Obasa and Jacqueline Gause in this email as they are now the leads for FMLA in the TRO. Please consult with them on next steps.

Jide/Jackie- could you please inform Mr. Meindl of next steps.

Thank you,

Patricia Silva

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From: Meindl, Max

Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 11:40 AM

To: Silva, Patricia <patricia.silva@fema.dhs.gov>

Subject: RE: FMLA

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From: Silva, Patricia

Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 5:57 AM **To:** Meindl, Max <max.meindl@fema.dhs.gov>

Subject: RE: FMLA

Good morning Mr. Meindl,

You need to communicate to your supervisor of record the need take FMLA leave at least 30 calendar days before the start of the planned absence. I have attached the Absence and Leave Manual for your review. Chapter 5 addresses FMLA.

I have also received the medical certification in connection with your request for FMLA leave.; however, the following required information is missing from the medical certification or is vague and needs clarification:

- 1. It is not clear whether you need FMLA leave intermittently or for a continuous period of time or both.
 - a. If your FMLA leave is for a continuous period of time, your doctor needs to state so. In the medical documentation you provided it only states "a few days after heart surgery". In addition, the your doctor will need to include the date of your surgery.
 - b. If your request is for intermittent leave for a planned medical treatment, the dates (actual or estimates) on which such treatment is expected to be given, the duration of such treatment, and the period of recovery, if any, before you would be able to return to work;
- 2. Your medical provider stated that your condition will cause episodic flare ups; however, the certification is missing the frequency of the flare ups. The medical certification needs to include an estimate of the frequency of the flare ups and the duration of related incapacity that you may have over the next 6 months (Part B, question #7).

Please be advised that the complete medical documentation is due 15 calendar days from this email.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Patricia Silva

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From: Meindl, Max

Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 3:13 PM

To: Silva, Patricia <patricia.silva@fema.dhs.gov> **Cc:** femamax@gmail.com; rick@guerradays.com

Subject: RE: FMLA

Jamie McAllister

Deputy Infrastructure Branch Director DR 4332 TX JFO Austin Region 6 Infrastructure Branch DHS/FEMA (202) 709-0851 Cell jamie.mcallister@fema.dhs.gov

No, Jamie is not aware of the request that I am aware of.

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From: Silva, Patricia

Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 2:02 PM

To: Meindl, Max <max.meindl@fema.dhs.gov>

Subject: RE: FMLA

Mr. Meindl,

Who is your supervisor of record? Are they aware of your FMLA request?

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From: Meindl, Max

Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 2:29 PM

To: Silva, Patricia <patricia.silva@fema.dhs.gov>

Cc: femamax@gmail.com

Subject: RE: FMLA

Document attached.

Please advise as to the procedure subsequent the submission of this document to you.

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From: Silva, Patricia

Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 1:03 PM **To:** Meindl, Max <max.meindl@fema.dhs.gov>

Subject: RE: FMLA

Yes, that is correct.

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From: Meindl, Max

Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 11:56 AM **To:** Silva, Patricia <patricia.silva@fema.dhs.gov>

Subject: FMLA

I have been advised that you're the individual I'm supposed to send my FMLA forms to. Is that correct?

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