

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION STATEMENT
(EMPLOYEE'S OWN SERIOUS HEALTH CONDITION)

SECTION I: To Be Completed by the EMPLOYEE:

Please complete Section I before giving this form to your medical provider. The FMLA permits an employer to require that you submit a timely, complete, and sufficient medical certification to support a request for FMLA leave due to your own serious health condition. If requested by your employer, your response is required to obtain or retain the benefit of FMLA protections. 29 U.S.C. §§ 2613, 2614(c)(3). Failure to provide a complete and sufficient medical certification may result in a denial of your FMLA request. 29 C.F.R. § 825.313. Your employer must give you at least 15 calendar days to return this form. 29 C.F.R. § 825.305(b)

Employee's Name:

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

SECTION II: To Be Completed by the HEALTH CARE PROVIDER:

Your patient has requested leave under the FMLA. Answer, fully and completely, all applicable parts. Several questions seek a response as to the frequency or duration of a condition, treatment, etc. Your answer should be your best estimate based upon your medical knowledge, experience, and examination of the patient. Be as specific as you can; terms such as "lifetime," "unknown," or "indeterminate" may not be sufficient to determine FMLA coverage. Limit your responses to the condition for which the employee is seeking leave. Please be sure to sign the form on the last page.

The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA) prohibits employers and other entities covered by GINA Title II from requesting or requiring genetic information of an individual or family member of the individual, except as specifically allowed by this law. To comply with this law, we are asking that you do not provide any genetic information when responding to this request for medical information. "Genetic Information" as defined by GINA includes an individual's family medical history, the results of an individual's or family member's genetic tests, the fact that an individual or an individual's family member sought or received genetic services, and genetic information of a fetus carried by an individual or an individual's family member or an embryo lawfully held by an individual or family member receiving assistive reproductive services.

Healthcare Provider's Name and Business Address: _____

Type of Practice/Medical Specialty: _____

Telephone: () _____ Fax: () _____ Email: _____

➤ **Serious Health Condition:** The attached sheet describes a "serious health condition". Does the condition qualify under any one of the categories described? If so, check the applicable category:

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) or None of the above

Describe the **specific medical facts which support your certification**, including a brief statement as to how the medical facts meet the criteria of one of these categories:

SECTION II (cont'd): To Be Completed by the HEALTH CARE PROVIDER:

I. Check here if employee is **unable to work at all** and provide the beginning and end date of the period of time the employee will be unable to work.

Begin Date: _____

End Date: _____

II. If the employee is or will become able to work, must they work **intermittently** or on a **reduced work week schedule** due to their condition? Yes No

a. If **YES**, provide the beginning and end date for the period of **intermittent** or **reduced work week**.

Begin Date: _____

End Date: _____

b. If **YES**, state the days/hours the employee **may work** per week during the period noted in (a) above.

Work Days Per Week: _____

Hours Per Work Day: _____

c. If the basis for the **intermittent** or **reduced work week schedule** is to receive treatments for the condition, provide an estimate of the probable number, length and interval between such treatments, actual or estimated dates of treatment if known and period required for recovery, if any

III. If the condition is a **chronic condition** state whether the employee is presently **incapacitated** and **unable to work**.

a. If **YES**, provide the duration, **beginning** and **end** date of such incapacity.

b. If **NO**, please provide the likely **frequency and duration of episodes (flare-ups)** of incapacity.

Estimate **frequency** of flare-ups and **duration** of incapacity over next 6 months:

Frequency: _____ times per _____ weeks(s) _____ month(s)

Duration: _____ hours or _____ day(s) per episode

c. If the employee is **able to work** but needs **intermittent leave** or a **reduced work week** check here **and complete Section II above.**

Health Care Provider Signature

Date

An employer may contact an employee's health care provider for authentication or clarification of the medical certification by using a health care provider, a human resource professional, or a management official. In no case may the employee's direct supervisor contact the employee's health care provider. Employers may not ask the health care provider for additional information beyond that contained on the medical certification form.

A “**Serious Health Condition**” means an illness, injury impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves one of the following:

1. **Hospital Care:**

Inpatient care (i.e., an overnight stay) in a hospital, hospice, or residential medical care facility, including any period of incapacity¹ or subsequent treatment in connection with or consequent to such inpatient care.

2. **Absence Plus Treatment:**

(a) A period of incapacity¹ of **more than three consecutive calendar days** (including any subsequent treatment or period of incapacity¹ relating to the same condition), that also involves:

- (1) **Treatment**² **two or more times** by a health care provider, by a nurse or physician’s assistant under direct supervision of a health care provider, or by a provider of health care services (e.g., physical therapist) under orders of, or on referral by, a health care provider; or
- (2) **Treatment** by a health care provider on **at least one occasion** which results in a **regimen of continuing treatment**³ under the supervision of the health care provider.

3. **Pregnancy:**

Any period of incapacity due to **pregnancy**, or for **prenatal care**

4. **Chronic Conditions Requiring Treatments:**

A **chronic condition** which:

- (1) Requires **periodic visits** for treatment by a health care provider, or by a nurse or physician’s assistant under direct supervision of a health care provider;
- (2) Continues over an **extended period of time** (including recurring episodes of a single underlying condition); and
- (3) May cause **episodic** rather than a continuing period of incapacity¹ (e.g., asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, etc.).

5. **Permanent/Long-Term Conditions Requiring Supervision:**

A period of **Incapacity**¹ which is **permanent or long-term** due to a condition for which treatment may not be effective. The employee or family member must be **under the continuing supervision of, but need not be receiving active treatment by, a health care provider**. Examples include Alzheimer’s, a severe stroke, or the terminal stages of a disease.

6. **Multiple Treatments (Non-Chronic Conditions):**

Any period of absence to receive **multiple treatments** (including any period of recovery there from) by a health care provider or by a provider of health care services under orders of, or on referral by, a health care provider, either for **restorative surgery** after an accident or other injury, **or** for a condition that **would likely result in a period of Incapacity¹ of more than three consecutive calendar days in the absence of medical intervention or treatment**, such as cancer (chemotherapy, radiation, etc.), severe arthritis (physical therapy), and kidney disease (dialysis).

¹“Incapacity,” for purposes of FMLA, is defined to mean inability to work, attend school or perform other regular daily activities due to the serious health condition, treatment therefore, or recovery there from.

²Treatment includes examinations to determine if a serious health condition exists and evaluations of the condition. Treatment does not include routine physical examinations, eye examinations, or dental examinations.

³A regimen of continuing treatment includes, for example, a course of prescription medication (e.g., an antibiotic) or therapy requiring special equipment to resolve or alleviate the health condition. A regimen of treatment does not include the taking of over-the-counter medications such as aspirin, antihistamines, or salves; or bed-rest, drinking fluids, exercise, and other similar activities that can be initiated without a visit to a health care provider.