# QUICK FMLA Reference Guide

### **Employee Eligibility**

- Employees Must be able to meet all three prongs of the eligibility:
- 1. Work for a covered employer - DMS meets this criteria
- 2. Have worked at least 1,250 hours in the 12 months immediately proceeding start of FMLA.
- 3. Have at least <u>12 months of service with the employer</u> (time worked for any state agency in State Personnel System is counted as same employer).

### **Serious Health Condition**

- Employee may be covered if they meet one (1) of six (6) definitions of a serious health condition. The following may qualify an employee for coverage under FMLA
  - 1. Inpatient care
  - 2. Incapacity in excess of three (3) consecutive calendar days plus treatment \*\* see note below
  - 3. Pregnancy
  - 4. Chronic conditions
  - 5. Multiple treatments and long-term conditions
  - 6. Long-term conditions
- \*\* Incapacity in excess of 3 consecutive calendar days plus treatment may be problematic.

  Some non-serious health conditions often meet that portion of the criteria. In order to qualify for FMLA leave under the "incapacity in excess of three days," prong, an employee must make <a href="2">2 doctor's visits within 30 days</a> the <a href="first">first</a> of which must be within 7 days of the incapacity.

For chronic and long-term conditions to qualify as a serious health condition, an employee must visit the physician at least twice (2) a year. (example: asthma, migraines, IBS)

#### Medical Leave for Family or Service Member

Human Resources will coordinate obtaining documentation with the employee.

## **Medical Certification**

HR Liaisons, supervisors or the employee will notify HR when there is a need to take medical leave.
 HR will work with the employee and medical provider if necessary to obtain medical certification.
 <u>Under no circumstances</u> are the HR Liaison, supervisor or manager to phone the employee's health care provider.
 And under no circumstance will the supervisor, manager or HR Liaision keep the medical documentation or a copy of the documentation. All documents must be sent to Human Resources for filing in confidential medical file. Documents will not be sent via e-mail.

#### Requesting FMLA & Timesheet Entry

• Employee will request FMLA on the People First System

On employee's PF record, employee will go to the Time and Payroll dropdown menu Select FMLA/FSWP Leave Request

Create and Save request.

**Supervisor** approves request by clicking on the Approvals dropdown menu and select Leave, OT & Other Approvals

After request has been approved by supervisor:

Employee Checks the FMLA/FSWP checkbox for the days and hours type that are FMLA/FSWP