FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE
CERTIFICATION OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDER FOR FAMILY MEMBER'S SERIOUS HEALTH CONDITION

SECTION I: FOR COMPLETION BY THE EMPLOYEE

INSTRUCTIONS to the EMPLOYEE: Please complete Section I before giving this form to your family member or his/her 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 to care for a covered family member with a 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 to your employer. 29 C.F.R. §825.305. **It is the employee's responsibility to ensure that sufficient medical certification is provided to the department.**

Your Name: _____
First, Middle, Last

Name of family member for whom you will provide care: _____
First, Middle, Last

Relationship of family member to you: _____

If family member is your son or daughter, date of birth: _____

Describe care you will provide to your family member and estimate leave needed to provide care:

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Employee Signature _____ **Date** _____

SECTION II: FOR COMPLETION BY THE EMPLOYER

Employer Name and Contact:

SECTION III: FOR COMPLETION BY THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER ONLY

Dear Health Care Provider:

The above-named employee has requested leave under the FMLA for your patient. This medical certification form will provide us with information to determine if the employee is eligible for FMLA leave. Section III must be completed fully and returned to the department by the employee or your office. 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 and review of the employee's job description.

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.*

For the purposes of this form, "incapacity" is defined as the inability to work, attend school, or perform other regular activities due to the serious health condition itself, treatment of the serious health condition, or recovery from the condition. "Treatment" includes examinations to determine if a serious health condition exists and evaluations for the condition. Treatment does not include routine physical examinations, eye examinations, or dental examinations. A 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 or treatment does not include taking over-the-counter medications such as aspirin, antihistamines, or salves; or bed-rest, drinking fluids, exercise, or other similar activities that can be initiated without a visit to a health care provider.

Do not provide information about genetic tests, as defined in 29 C.F.R. § 1635.3(f), genetic services, as defined in 29 C.F.R. § 1635.3(e), or the manifestation of disease or disorder in the employee's family members, 29 C.F.R. § 1635.3(b). Please be sure to sign the form on the last page.

Provider's Name [Printed]: _____

Provider's Business Address: _____

Type of Practice/Medical Specialty: _____

Telephone: (____)_____ Fax: (____)_____

SECTION III CONTINUED: FOR COMPLETION BY THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER ONLY

Employee's Name: _____ Patient's Name: _____

SERIOUS HEALTH CONDITION

1. The definitions below describe what is meant by a "serious health condition" under the FMLA. Does the patient's condition(s) qualify under any of the categories described? If so, please check the appropriate category.

☐ **CATEGORY 1: In-Patient Care**

Any period of incapacity or treatment connected with inpatient care [i.e., an overnight stay] in a hospital, hospice, or residential medical care facility, including any period of incapacity or subsequent treatment in connection with or consequent to such inpatient care.

☐ **CATEGORY 2: Absence Plus Treatment**

A period of incapacity of more than three (3) consecutive full calendar days, and any subsequent treatment or period of incapacity relating to the same condition, which also involves:

1) Treatment two (2) or more times, within 30 days of the first day of incapacity, by a health care provider, by a nurse 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 (1) occasion, which results in a regimen of continuing treatment under the supervision of a health care provider (e.g. prescribed medication).

☐ **CATEGORY 3: Pregnancy or Prenatal Care**

Any period of incapacity due to pregnancy, or for prenatal care. Expected delivery date: _____

☐ **CATEGORY 4: Chronic Conditions**

Any period of incapacity or treatment for such incapacity due to a chronic serious health condition. A chronic serious health condition is one 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, occurring episodes of a single underlying condition; and
3) May cause episodic rather than a continuing period of incapacity, e.g. asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, etc.

☐ **CATEGORY 5: Permanent or Long-Term Conditions Requiring Supervision**

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

☐ **CATEGORY 6: Conditions Requiring Multiple Treatments**

Any period of absence to receive multiple treatments, including any period of recovery therefrom, by a health care provider or by a provider of health care services under orders of, or on referral by, a health care provider, for:

1) Restorative surgery after an accident or other injury; or
2) A condition that would likely result in a period of incapacity of more than three (3) consecutive, full calendar days in the absence of medical intervention or treatment, such as cancer (chemotherapy, radiation, etc.), severe arthritis (physical therapy), or kidney disease (dialysis).

☐ **NO CATEGORY APPLIES**

Describe other relevant medical facts related to the condition for which the employee seeks leave (such medical facts may include symptoms, diagnosis, or any regimen of continuing treatment such as the use of specialized equipment):

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SECTION III CONTINUED: FOR COMPLETION BY THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER ONLY

Employee's Name: _____ Patient's Name: _____

PART A: MEDICAL FACTS

1. Approximate date condition commenced: _____

   Probable duration of condition: _____

   Was the patient admitted for an overnight stay in a hospital, hospice, or residential medical care facility?

   ☐ No ☐ Yes. If so, dates of admission:

   _____

   Date(s) you treated the patient for condition:

   _____

   Will the patient need to have treatment visits at least twice per year due to the condition? ☐ No ☐ Yes

   Was medication, other than over-the-counter medication, prescribed? ☐ No ☐ Yes

   Was the patient referred to other health care provider(s) for evaluation or treatment (e.g., physical therapist)?

   ☐ No ☐ Yes. If so, state the nature of such treatments and expected duration of treatment:

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2. Is the medical condition pregnancy? ☐ No ☐ Yes. If so, expected delivery date: _____

PART B: AMOUNT OF CARE NEEDED: When answering these questions, keep in mind that your patient's need for care by the employee seeking leave may include assistance with basic medical, hygienic, nutritional, safety or transportation needs, or the provision of physical or psychological care.

1. Will the patient be incapacitated for a single continuous period of time, including any time for treatment and recovery?
   ☐ No ☐ Yes

   Estimate the beginning and ending dates for the period of incapacity: _____

   During this time, will the patient need care? ☐ No ☐ Yes

   Explain the care needed by the patient and why such care is medically necessary:

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2. Will the patient require care on an intermittent or reduced schedule basis, including any time for recover? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Estimate the hours the patient needs care on an intermittent basis, if any:

_____ hour(s) per day; _____ days per week from _____ through _____

Explain the care needed by the patient and why such care is medically necessary:

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SECTION III CONTINUED: FOR COMPLETION BY THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER ONLY

Employee's Name: _____ Patient's Name: _____

3. Will the patient require follow-up treatments, including any time for recovery? ☐ No ☐ Yes

   If yes, estimate the treatment schedule, if any, including the dates of any scheduled appointments and the time required for each appointment, including any recovery period:

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   Explain the care needed by the patient and why such care is medically necessary:

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4. Will the condition cause episodic flare-ups, periodically preventing the patient from participating in normal daily activities?

   ☐ No ☐ Yes

   Based upon the patient's medical history and your knowledge of the medical condition, estimate the frequency of flare-ups and the duration of related incapacity that the patient may have over the next 6 months (e.g., 1 episode every 3 months lasting 1-2 days):

   Frequency: _____ times per [circle] week/month and lasting _____ hours/days [circle]

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

   Does the patient need care during these flare-ups? ☐ No ☐ Yes

   Explain the care needed by the patient during flare-ups and why such care is medically necessary:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: IDENTIFY QUESTION NUMBER WITH YOUR ADDITIONAL ANSWER.

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Signature of Health Care Provider **Date**