

DAS-HRE June 2015

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## Reed Group

- Assumes responsibility for absence management effective 7/1/15
  - Ensures that qualifying absences receive federally mandated job protection
- Innovator and leader in leave administration
  - Providing FMLA administration services since 1997
- Out-sourced program to focus on consistent administration of FMLA

## What is changing?

- Modification of absence reporting
- Improved timeliness of communication with employees
- Reed Group handles FMLA paperwork and eligibility determinations
- Consistent treatment of all employees
- Ensure that employee privacy is maintained

#### **FMLA**

- Federally-mandated job-protected leave
  - Paid or unpaid absences from work
  - Provides for maintenance of health benefits
- Birth, adoption or foster placement of a child
- Employee's serious health condition
- Care for spouse, parent or child under 18 with serious health condition
- Military Family Leave
  - Care for ill or injured covered servicemember or veteran
- Qualifying Exigency

## Benefits to Employees

- Fair, consistent, impartial treatment of employees in all agencies
- Closer monitoring of leave
  - Ensures that job-protected FMLA leave is provided when appropriate
- FMLA determinations made by a neutral party
- State personnel will not have access to FMLA medical information
- Contact Reed Group 24/7 using LeavePro

## **Absence Reporting**

- Notify your supervisor
  - Follow your current notification procedures
- Notify Reed Group when you have absences for any of the following:
  - You, or your family member (spouse, child, parent), have an illness or medical condition (including pregnancy), that will require:
    - A visit to a doctor or other health care provider that results in treatment (prescription medication, additional office visits, referrals to other medical providers, etc.) - OR -
    - Inpatient hospitalization, hospice care or residential care
  - Due to Birth, Adoption, or Foster Care
  - Qualifying Exigency (Family member's military service)

You do not need to notify Reed Group about absences to attend appointments for routine physicals or routine dental examinations and treatment.

## **Notify Reed Group**

- Contact Reed Group when you have an absence on or after July 1, 2015.
  - You can make notice before your absence, at the time of your absence, or up to two days after your absence begins
- Two notification methods:
  - Online Self–Service Portal
    - 24/7
  - Toll–free number
    - Live answer 8 am 8 pm Central Time
    - Leave message for return call 8 pm 8 am

Do not contact Reed Group before July 1, 2015

## Reed Group Will...

- Perform intake (receive absence notifications)
- Determine FMLA eligibility
- Request, receive and review FMLA certifications and other documentation
- Determine if FMLA applies
- Issue all required FMLA notices

# Online Portal – LeavePro www.stateofiowa.leavepro.com





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### LeavePro

- Reed Group's clinically-supported FMLA system
- Ensures employee privacy
- Personalized, flexible approach not bureaucratic
- Medical matters addressed by nurses

#### LeavePro

- Reed Group receives employee, supervisor and HRA/PA information from State of Iowa
  - Bi-weekly after payroll writes
  - Referred to as roster file
- Reed Group uses roster file to populate online service portal
- Reed Group receives weekly file from Sedgwick
  - FMLA designated based on work comp status
  - Continue to report work comp injuries to supervisor

## **Employee Responsibilities**

- Continue to notify agency of absence
  - Follow your agency's absence reporting policies/call in procedures

#### - AND -

- Notify Reed Group of planned and unplanned absences due to:
  - Your medical condition
  - Family member's medical condition
  - Birth, adoption or placement for foster care
  - Military duty
    - Employee or family member

## Employee Responsibilities

- Get essential job functions from HR or supervisor
  - Give to health care provider with certification form
- Obtain Leave Retention form from your HR office or supervisor
  - Submit completed form to your HRA/PA or supervisor
    - Follow your agency's policies

## **Employee Responsibilities**

- Obtain Return to Work Certification form from your human resources office
  - Give to health care provider to complete
- Provide completed form to your employer
  - Follow your agency's RTW requirements
- Notify Reed Group of your return to work
  - If unable to return, contact Reed Group to request an extension of leave
- Contact your supervisor or HR contact if you are unsure about your agency's policies

## Military Leave

- In addition to FMLA, Reed Group will manage military leave
- Notify Reed Group of absences from work due to military duty or military training
  - Military duty that does not cause an absence from work does not need to be reported
- Reed Group will issue all notices required by USERRA

## **Contact Reed Group**

- Self Service Portal: stateofiowa.leavepro.com
  - Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Phone: 844-507-5393 (toll-free)
  - Phone answered from 8 am to 8 pm Central Time
  - Leave message for return call from 8 pm to 8 am
- FAX: 720-456-4790

## Questions?



Email sheryl.jensen@iowa.gov or Contact Reed Group after July 1