Sample FMLA Request Forms

Sample FMLA Request Form #1 – 1 Block of Time
Sample FMLA Request Form #2 – Intermittent Leave
Sample FMLA Request Form #3 – Reduced Schedule
This memo is to notify you of my need for leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act. I require a leave of absence from __ [Start Date] ____ to __ [End Date] ___. because:

____ I am temporarily unable to work because of my own serious health condition.

____ I will be caring for a family member (spouse, child, or parent) with a serious health condition.

I have attached a completed certification from a health care provider documenting my need for leave.*

It is my understanding that I am eligible for up to 12 weeks of leave per year under the Family Medical leave Act and that I will be reinstated to my job after my leave. [If you are covered by your employer’s health insurance include this sentence. It is also my understanding that __ (Employer’s Name) will continue my health insurance during my leave.]

The Family and Medical Leave Act specifies that employers must provide specific written notice to an employee of rights and responsibilities regarding leave within a few business days of when that employee gives notice of the need for leave (29 C.F.R. 825.301). I look forward to receiving this information from you.

Please let me know immediately and in writing if you require anything further from me. I appreciate your assistance with this matter.

* Although medical certification is not required unless your employer asks for it, to protect your rights fully, include this sentence and attach the certification. You do not need to disclose a diagnosis to certify your need to take leave. To access the FMLA Medical Certification form WH-380 go to: www.dol.gov/esa/regs/compliance/whd/fmla/wh380.pdf
This memo is to notify you of my need for intermittent leave under the Family and
Medical Leave Act. I require intermittent leave from [Start Date] to [End
Date] because of:

- temporary absences due to my own serious health condition.
- temporary absences due to caring for a family member (spouse, child, or parent) with a serious health condition.

I have attached a completed certification from a health care provider documenting my need for leave. *

It is my understanding that I am eligible for up to 12 weeks of leave per year under the Family Medical Leave Act and that I will be reinstated to my job after my leave. It is also my understanding that when a health care provider certifies a need for intermittent FMLA leave for a period exceeding 30 days, an employer may not require additional certifications during that period unless a request is made to extend the leave, circumstances change significantly, or the employer receives information that casts doubt on the need for leave. (See 29 C.F.R. 825.308(b)(2)).

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TO: [Name of Director of Human Resources, Supervisor, or Other Manager]
FROM: [Your name, Job Title]
RE: Notice of the Need for FMLA Leave
Date: [Today’s Date]

This memo is to notify you of my need for a reduced schedule under the Family and Medical Leave Act. It is medically necessary to change my schedule to_________. because of:

______ my own serious health condition.

______ caring for a family member (spouse, child, or parent) with a serious health condition.

I have attached a completed certification from a health care provider documenting my need for leave.*

It is my understanding that I am eligible for up to 12 weeks of leave per year under the Family Medical leave Act and that I will be reinstated to my job after my leave. [If you are covered by your employer’s health insurance include this sentence, It is also my understanding that (Employer’s Name) will continue my health insurance during my leave.]

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