

(2) for death, illness, or disability [in] OF A MEMBER OF the employee's immediate family;

(3) following the birth of the employee's child; [or]

(4) when a child is placed with the employee for adoption; OR

(5) FOR A MEDICAL APPOINTMENT OF THE EMPLOYEE OR A MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYEE'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY.

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Fifteen days, NOT TO EXCEED 120 HOURS, of sick leave accrue to an employee each year, on a pro rata basis, from the beginning of the employee's State service.

[7-504.] 9-503.

(a) Payment for sick leave taken under this subtitle for personal illness or disability constitutes a separate benefit on account of sickness and is not a continuation of salary.

(b) Payment for sick leave taken under this subtitle for any reason not specified in subsection (a) of this section is a continuation of salary.

[7-505.] 9-504.

(A) [For each 30-day period in which an] AN employee WHO uses sick leave for [5] 3 5 or more consecutive workdays for personal illness or disability[, the employee] OR THE ILLNESS OR DISABILITY OF A MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYEE'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY may not receive payment under this subtitle unless the employee gives the employee's immediate supervisor an original certificate of illness or disability [signed by one of the following:].

(B) THE CERTIFICATE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE SIGNED BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

(1) [an accredited Christian Science practitioner] A MEDICAL DOCTOR WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE OR SURGERY BY THE STATE IN WHICH THE DOCTOR PRACTICES; [or]

(2) [a person who is licensed or certified as a] IF AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE IN A STATE AND PERFORMING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THAT AUTHORITY:

- (i) A chiropractor;
- (ii) A clinical psychologist;
- (iii) A dentist;
- (iv) A licensed certified social worker - clinical;
- (v) A nurse midwife;
- (vi) A nurse practitioner;
- (vii) An oral surgeon;