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710-0 Policy

- a. Eligible faculty members (as defined in APM 110-4-(15)), Agronomists, Astronomers, and Curators, shall be granted paid medical leave for periods of personal illness, injury, or disability. (See APM 710-11, or APM 670-20-c-(1) and (2) if participating in the Health Sciences Compensation Plan (HSCP).)
- b. Eligible faculty members (as defined in APM 110-4-(15)), including those who are participants in the Health Sciences Compensation Plan (HSCP), Agronomists, Astronomers, Curators, and "by agreement" appointees in university extension pursuant to APM 600 Appendix 9, do not accrue paid sick leave and shall be granted a bank of paid sick leave in accordance with APM 710-12.
- c. Eligible non-faculty academic appointees accrue paid sick leave. (See APM 710-14.)
- d. APM 710 does not apply to Postdoctoral Scholars (see APM 390).
- e. APM 710 does not apply to student academic appointees.
- f. APM 710 does not apply to academic appointees recalled pursuant to APM 205. Recalled academic appointees are not eligible for paid medical leave, a paid sick leave bank, or accrual of paid sick leave.
- g. For academic appointees holding an appointment with a specified ending date, paid sick leave or paid medical leave shall not be approved beyond the ending date of the appointment. In the event the appointment is renewed or extended or a subsequent appointment is made, further leave may be granted.
- h. See APM 715-20 regarding the use of paid sick leave or paid medical leave during qualifying family and medical leaves.
- i. A paid or unpaid leave taken under this policy shall be counted against the appointee's family and medical leave entitlement if the leave qualifies as family and medical leave. (See APM -715-0).
- j. For exclusively represented academic appointees refer to the applicable Memorandum of Understanding.

710-1 Related Policies

For other related policies, refer to the Academic Personnel Manual sections listed below:

a. APM - 133, Limitation on Total Period of Service with Certain Academic Titles

- b. APM 670, Health Sciences Compensation Plan
- c. APM 711, Reasonable Accommodation for Academic Appointees with Disabilities
- d. APM 715, Leaves of Absence/Family and Medical Leave
- e. APM 730. Leaves of Absence/Vacation
- f. APM 758, Leaves of Absence/Other Leaves with Pay
- g. APM 760, Family Accommodations for Childbearing and Childrearing

710-11 Eligibility for Paid Medical Leave for Academic Appointees Who Do Not Accrue Paid Sick Leave

Paid medical leave benefits for faculty who are participants of the HSCP are described in APM - 670 and the relevant School Implementing Procedures and Department Guidelines. In the absence of specific School Implementing Procedures, the leave provisions as described in this policy will be used. Extended illness leave for HSCP participants may not exceed the maximum time period allowable under APM - 710-11-a and b.

Eligible members of the faculty (as defined in APM - 110-4-(15)), Agronomists, Astronomers, and Curators, who are not participants of the HSCP and who have a full-time appointment for at least a full academic year (three (3) quarters or two (2) semesters) who are unable to work for reasons of personal illness, injury, or disability shall be granted paid medical leave as follows:

- a. Faculty members with term appointments will not be granted paid medical leave beyond the end date of the term appointment except in cases of reappointment.
- b. Eligible faculty members with less than ten (10) years of University of California service in a title listed in APM 110-4-(15) that does not accrue paid sick leave shall be granted a maximum of two (2) quarters (or one (1) semester) for academic-year appointees, or six (6) months for fiscal-year appointees, of consecutive or intermittent paid medical leave within a ten (10) year period for personal illness, injury, or disability.
- c. Eligible faculty members with ten (10) or more years of University of California service in a title listed in APM 110-4-(15) that does not accrue paid sick leave shall be granted a maximum of three (3) quarters (or two (2) semesters) for academic-year appointees, or twelve (12) months, for fiscal-year appointees, of consecutive or intermittent paid medical leave within each subsequent ten (10) year period for personal illness, injury, or disability.
- d. Paid medical leave under APM 710-11 and APM 670-20-c does not accrue. Therefore, if it is not used, it does not carry over to subsequent ten (10) year periods and does not convert to University of California Retirement Plan (UCRP) service credit upon retirement. Each ten (10)

year period starts a new period of paid medical leave eligibility.

- e. University of California Retirement Plan (UCRP) service credit accrues while an appointee is on a UC-paid medical leave, in accordance with UCRP provisions.
- f. Faculty members may also be eligible for employer-paid Basic Disability benefits and, if enrolled, for University of California employee-paid Voluntary Short-Term or Voluntary Long-Term Disability Insurance benefits.
- g. While receiving injury or illness compensation under the Workers' Compensation Act, an absent faculty member may use available paid medical leave to supplement Workers' Compensation payments, provided the total of the medical leave pay and workers' compensation benefit does not exceed the appointee's University of California Retirement Plan (UCRP) covered compensation for the period.

This policy provides paid leave in addition to normal childbearing and childrearing leaves. (See APM - 760-25-b or APM - 670-20-c-(2).)

710-12 Eligibility for a Paid Sick Leave Bank for Academic Appointees Who Do Not Accrue Paid Sick Leave

Eligible members of the faculty (as defined in APM - 110-4-(15)), including those who are participants in the Health Sciences Compensation Plan (HSCP), Agronomists, Astronomers, Curators, and "by agreement" appointees in university extension pursuant to APM - 600 – Appendix 9, who also have an appointment of at least thirty (30) calendar days in a calendar year shall receive a bank of six (6) days of paid sick leave per calendar year. The bank will be credited and available for use on the next working day following the first month or quadri-weekly pay cycle. A new bank of six (6) days of paid sick leave is subsequently available on January 1 of each following year. The bank of unused paid sick leave days expires on each December 31 or the last date of appointment if the appointment ends before December 31. The paid sick leave bank is distinct and separate from accrued paid sick leave as described in section APM - 710-14. The maximum number of days an academic appointee can have in a paid sick leave bank at any time is six (6) days. The paid sick leave bank does not accrue and does not carry over.

710-14 Eligibility and Rate of Accrual for Accrual of Paid Sick Leave

The following groups of non-student academic appointees who have a paid appointment of at least thirty (30) calendar days and a Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) percentage shall accrue paid sick leave. Visiting appointees in the following titles or series are eligible to accrue paid sick leave credit provided they have a paid appointment of at least thirty (30) calendar days. (See APM - 230-20-f.) For appointees in the following title series who are covered by a Memorandum of Understanding, accrual of paid sick leave is governed by the applicable Memorandum of Understanding.

- a. Academic Administrator series
- b. Academic Coordinator series

- c. Associate University Librarian and Assistant University Librarian
- d. Continuing Educator series
- e. Cooperative Extension Advisor series
- f. Coordinator of Public Programs series
- g. Librarian series
- h. Professional Research series
- i. Project (e.g., *Scientist*) series
- j. Specialist series
- k. Specialist in Cooperative Extension series
- 1. University Extension Teachers

Eligible fiscal-year appointees accrue paid sick leave at the rate of one (1) working day per month for full-time service, including leaves with pay. Eligible academic-year appointees accrue paid sick leave only during the months of their service period, at the rate of one (1) working day per month for full-time service, including leaves with pay. Eligible appointees at less than full-time accrue paid sick leave at a rate proportionate to their appointment.

Accrued paid sick leave is credited and available for use on the next working day following each month or quadri-weekly pay cycle in which it is earned, except that eligible separating academic appointees earn proportionate paid sick leave through their last day on pay status.

An appointee who is on leave without pay for a work-incurred injury, illness, or disability and is receiving temporary disability payments accrues paid sick leave on the same basis as if regularly employed, but such accrued paid sick leave is credited to the appointee only upon return to work.

There is no maximum limit on the amount of paid sick leave that can be accrued, and unused accrued sick leave carries over from one year to the next.

710-20 Use of Paid Sick Leave Bank and Accrued Paid Sick Leave

Use of paid sick leave is governed by the following:

a. "Paid sick leave" refers to an academic appointee's (1) paid sick leave bank, when appointed in a title in which a paid sick leave bank is provided, or (2) accrued paid sick leave, when appointed in a title in which paid sick leave accrues. Eligible academic appointees may only use a paid sick

leave bank when appointed in a title in which a paid sick leave bank is provided and may only use accrued paid sick leave when appointed in a title in which paid sick leave accrues. Paid sick leave is available for use only on scheduled workdays.

b. If the need to take paid sick leave is foreseeable, an academic appointee must provide reasonable advance notification of the need to use paid sick leave to their supervisor, department chair, or equivalent academic unit head, either orally or in writing, including the expected length of the leave and whether the appointee is designating the paid sick leave as protected. If the need to take paid sick leave is unforeseen, an academic appointee must inform their supervisor, department chair, or equivalent academic unit head, as soon as practicable either orally or in writing and include whether the appointee is designating the paid sick leave as protected. When appropriate, the academic appointee may be required to provide documentation supporting the need for paid sick leave.

Academic appointees must comply with local procedures concerning notice requirements.

For paid sick leave used during a family and medical leave, see APM - 715.

- c. Paid sick leave shall be used in keeping with normally approved purposes including diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition; preventive care; childbearing and childrearing (see APM 715 and 760); disability; for the purposes outlined in APM 710-20-g if an academic appointee is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking; or for the purposes specified in APM 758. The University will maintain the confidentiality of health information or information related to domestic violence or sexual assault regarding an appointee or appointee's family member and will not disclose such information except as required by law.
- d. Paid sick leave can also be used for diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition or preventive care for an appointee's child regardless of age or dependency status, parent, spouse, domestic partner, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, or designated person. For paid sick leave purposes, a "designated person" is a person identified by the appointee at the time the appointee requests paid sick leave. Appointees are limited to one designated person per calendar year. In-laws or step relatives in the relationships listed, including relatives of the domestic partner who would be covered if the domestic partner were the appointee's spouse, are also covered. "Child" also includes an adopted or foster child, legal ward, or a child to whom the appointee stands in place of a parent (*in loco parentis*). "Parent" also includes an adoptive parent, foster parent, or legal guardian of an appointee or the appointee's spouse or domestic partner, or a person who stood in place of a parent (*in loco parentis*) when the appointee was a minor child. This provision also covers other persons residing in the appointee's household.
- e. Paid sick leave may be used, at the appointee's option, during family and medical leave to which the appointee is entitled under APM 715 when the appointee is taking family and medical leave for any covered reason other than qualifying exigency leave. (See APM 715-0-f for information on Qualifying Exigency Leave). In the case of the appointee's own illness, the appointee may be eligible for employer-paid Basic Disability benefits and, if enrolled, for University of California employee-paid Voluntary Short-Term or Voluntary Long-Term Disability Insurance benefits.

- f. While receiving injury or illness compensation under the Workers' Compensation Act, an absent appointee may also use their paid sick leave bank when appointed in a title in which a paid sick leave bank is provided or accrued paid sick leave when appointed in a title in which paid sick leave accrues to supplement workers' compensation payments provided the total of the paid sick leave pay and workers' compensation benefit does not exceed the appointee's University of California Retirement Plan (UCRP) covered compensation for the period.
- g. Paid sick leave may be used by an academic appointee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking in order to (1) obtain or attempt to obtain any relief, including but not limited to a temporary restraining order, restraining order, or other injunctive relief, to help ensure the health, safety, or welfare of the victim or their child; (2) seek medical attention for injuries caused by crime or abuse; (3) obtain services from a domestic violence shelter, program, rape crisis center, or victim services organization or agency as a result of the crime or abuse; (4) obtain psychological counseling or mental health services related to an experience of crime or abuse; or (5) participate in safety planning or take other actions to increase safety from future crime or abuse, including temporary or permanent relocation.
- h. Compensation during use of paid sick leave is provided at a rate commensurate with the percentage of appointment in effect during the appointee's leave.
- i. Accrued paid sick leave shall be used in proportion to the reduced workload during periods of active service-modified duties. (See APM 760-28-b(2).)
- j. Academic appointees with term appointments will not be granted paid sick leave beyond the end date of the term appointment except in cases of reappointment.
- k. An academic appointee's paid sick leave bank, if appointed in a title in which a paid sick leave bank is provided, is automatically protected paid sick leave if the appointee uses the days for any of the purposes specified below and complies with the notice requirements provided in APM 710-20 b. An academic appointee appointed in a title in which paid sick leave accrues may designate up to six (6) days per calendar year of accrued paid sick leave as protected paid sick leave if the appointee uses the days for any of the purposes specified below and complies with the notice requirements provided in APM 710-20 b.

Protected paid sick leave includes and runs concurrently with kin care leave, which is not a separate leave entitlement. California's kin care law authorizes employees to use up to one-half of the sick leave they accrue annually for the purposes for which employees may use protected paid sick leave (e.g., this would be six (6) days for a fiscal year appointee who accrues twelve (12) days of paid sick leave a year). The University prohibits any form of retaliation or discrimination against an academic appointee for using or attempting to use protected paid sick leave; for making a complaint or alleging a violation of the protected paid sick leave provisions in this policy; for cooperating in an investigation regarding the same; or for opposing any policy, practice, or act that is prohibited by the protected paid sick leave provisions of this policy.

Academic appointees may use protected paid sick leave for the diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition of, or preventive care for, the academic appointee or an academic appointee's family member or for those reasons specified in APM - 710-20 f. for an academic appointee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. The following definitions apply to protected paid sick leave. "Family member" means an appointee's child, parent, spouse, domestic partner, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, or designated person. Regardless of age or dependency status, "child" means a biological, adopted, or foster child, stepchild, legal ward, or a child to whom the appointee stands in place of a parent (in loco parentis). "Parent" means a biological, adoptive, or foster parent, stepparent, or legal guardian of the appointee or the appointee's spouse or domestic partner, or a person who stood in place of a parent (in loco parentis) when the appointee was a minor child. "Designated person" is a person identified by the appointee at the time the appointee requests paid sick leave. Appointees are limited to one designated person per calendar year for paid sick leave purposes. Other paid sick leave usage is covered by the other policy requirements.

710-22 Recording Paid Medical Leave, Paid Sick Leave Bank, and Paid Sick Leave Accrual and Use

Each department or administrative unit is responsible for maintaining a complete and accurate record of all paid medical leave, paid sick leave bank, and accrued paid sick leave available and used by eligible academic appointees, including the academic appointees' current available leave balance(s).

Non-exempt academic appointees will record paid sick leave use to the nearest quarter hour.

The University will record paid sick leave used by exempt academic appointees in full-day increments or in increments not less than that portion of the day during which an academic appointee on less than full-time pay status is normally scheduled to work. The foregoing does not apply when an academic appointee is taking family and medical leave on an intermittent or reduced schedule basis. (See APM - 715.) If the appointee elects to use paid sick leave during a family and medical leave (see APM - 715-20-b), the appointee's paid sick leave balance will only be deducted for the actual amount of time taken as family and medical leave. An appointee who is eligible for paid sick leave but elects to take family and medical leave as unpaid leave shall not be paid for any hours or partial hours taken as family and medical leave.

710-24 Authority

Authority of Chancellors includes the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, the Provost and Executive Vice President, and the Vice President—Agriculture and Natural Resources in their areas of authority.

Authority to review and approve requests for paid sick leave and paid medical leave has been delegated as follows:

a. The Chancellor shall determine the appropriate documentation and campus approval procedures for all paid and unpaid leaves.

- b. The criteria used under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), California Family Rights Act (CFRA), and the Pregnancy Disability Leave Law (PDLL) regulations will be used to determine required documentation during any family and medical leave (see APM 715). The Chancellor should establish standards and procedures for the review of appropriate documentation for all other paid and unpaid leaves. The information to be provided should include the appointee's estimated return to work date. Campuses should determine what constitutes adequate certification for approval of leaves that do not qualify as family and medical leave and when such documentation will be required. The University may require certification from a University-selected health-care provider before approving a leave that does not qualify as family and medical leave, in which case the University shall pay the reasonable costs of any medical examinations requested or required by the University.
- c. For academic appointees eligible for paid sick leave, the Chancellor may approve paid sick leave up to the total of an appointee's paid sick leave balance.
- d. For academic appointees who do not accrue paid sick leave, the Chancellor is authorized to approve paid medical leave for personal health reasons in accordance with APM 710-11 or APM 670-20-c and campus guidelines. Such paid medical leave should be approved in advance whenever possible. Occasionally a Dean or department chair approves leaves for illness, injury, or disability for less than one (1) month. Such leaves should be counted against the maximum amount of paid medical leave provided under APM 710-11 or APM 670-20-c. For any period of paid medical leave longer than one (1) month, prior approval should be obtained from the designated campus authority to avoid conversion to unpaid leave.
- e. Academic appointees are urged to apply for disability benefits before periods of paid sick leave or paid medical leave end.
- f. If an appointee exhausts paid sick leave or paid medical leave, as applicable, and is still unable to return to work, Chancellors may approve leave without pay for up to one (1) year and may approve a longer leave without pay pursuant to APM 759. Updated medical information or documentation shall be required to demonstrate the appointee's continuing inability to return to work. (Alternatively, APM 080, Medical Separation, may be appropriate for long-term disability that cannot be reasonably accommodated).
- g. When an academic appointee is ready to return to work, the chair, in consultation with the Disability Management Office (or equivalent), may evaluate the appointee's ability to resume the duties of the position. The chair may request a release to return to work and/or request a health-care provider's statement outlining any limitations and any accommodations that might be requested. (See APM 711, Reasonable Accommodation for Academic Appointees with Disabilities). For leaves that do not qualify as family and medical leave, the University may require certification from a University-selected health-care provider before approving a return to work, in which case the University shall pay the reasonable costs of any medical examinations requested or required by the University.

710-28 Reasonable Accommodation for Academic Appointees with Disabilities

It is the policy of the University to provide reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified academic appointees who are disabled or become disabled and need assistance to perform the essential functions of their positions, provided that the accommodation does not pose an undue hardship (see APM - 711).

710-38 Relation with Family and Medical Leave Entitlement

An appointee eligible for family and medical leave is entitled to up to twelve (12) workweeks of unpaid leave in a calendar year, unless the leave is taken as Military Caregiver Leave, which may be for up to twenty-six (26) workweeks in a single twelve (12) month period (see APM - 715-17), or Pregnancy Disability Leave, which may be for up to four (4) months per pregnancy (see APM - 760-25). For academic appointees who accrue paid sick leave and/or vacation leave, accrued paid leave may be used during a family and medical leave that would otherwise be unpaid as described in APM - 715-20. For academic appointees who do not accrue paid sick leave and/or vacation leave, the paid sick leave bank may be used during a qualifying family and medical leave that would otherwise by unpaid as described in APM - 715-20, or the Chancellor may approve leave with pay (see APM - 710-11 or APM - 670-20-c for faculty who participate in the HSCP). Family and medical leaves will run concurrently with other approved leave(s) taken for a purpose that meets the criteria for a family and medical leave. See APM - 710-11 regarding the maximum amount of paid medical leave that may be granted to faculty members for reasons of personal illness, injury, or disability.

710-40 Effect on the Eight-Year Probationary Period of Assistant Professors

To determine years toward the eight-year limitation of service, the combined total periods of approved leave unrelated to academic duties and time off the tenure clock may not exceed two (2) years. (See APM - 133-17-g, Applicability of Periods of Leave.)

710-42 Sabbatical Leave Credit

Sabbatical leave credit is not accrued during a leave of absence with pay for one (1) quarter or semester or more, or for a leave of absence without pay of any length. (See APM - 740-11-h (3) and (4).)

710-43 Transfer of Paid Sick Leave Bank

An appointee who transfers, without a break in employment and within the same calendar year, from one position within the University in which a paid sick leave bank is provided to another position within the University in which a paid sick leave bank is provided shall have any available and unused paid sick leave from the paid sick leave bank transferred.

An appointee who transfers, without a break in employment, from a position within the University in which a paid sick leave bank is provided to another position within the University in which paid sick leave accrues shall not have the paid sick leave bank transferred. However, the appointee shall retain any unused paid sick leave from the paid sick leave bank until December 31 of that year, which may be available for use if the appointee later transfers to a position in which a paid sick leave bank is provided.

Any unused paid sick leave from the paid sick leave bank may be available for conversion to UCRP service credit if the appointee retires, in accordance with UCRP provisions, before the paid sick leave bank expires on December 31.

Unused paid sick leave from paid sick leave banks will be converted to UCRP service credit at retirement, in accordance with UCRP provisions, if an appointee retires within four (4) months after leaving University employment.

710-44 Transfer of Accrued Paid Sick Leave

An appointee who transfers, without a break in employment, from one position within the University in which paid sick leave accrues to another position within the University in which paid sick leave accrues shall have any unused accrued paid sick leave transferred.

An appointee who transfers, without a break in employment, from a position within the University in which paid sick leave accrues to another position within the University in which a paid sick leave bank is provided shall not have any prior paid sick leave accruals transferred. However, the appointee shall retain the accrued paid sick leave balance, which may be available for use if the appointee later transfers to a position in which paid sick leave accrues or for conversion to UCRP service credit if the appointee retires, in accordance with UCRP provisions.

Unused accrued paid sick leave balances will be converted to UCRP service credit at retirement, in accordance with UCRP provisions, if an appointee retires within four (4) months after leaving University employment.

710-46 Reinstatement of Paid Sick Leave

An academic appointee who separates from the University shall not be paid for any unused paid sick leave at the time of separation.

An appointee who separates from the University and is rehired within one (1) year from the date of separation shall have all unused accrued paid sick leave from prior service reinstated, unless the leave balance was previously converted to UCRP service credit upon retirement. If the separation lasted for more than one (1) year, unused accrued paid sick leave shall not be reinstated.

An appointee who is reemployed in the same calendar year in which they previously received a paid sick leave bank, shall have unused days from their previous paid sick leave bank reinstated unless the leave balance was previously converted to UCRP service credit upon retirement.

For purposes of this section only, State of California service shall be treated the same as University service.

710-95 Records

Chancellors and Vice Presidents shall assure that appropriate records are maintained in the department (or

specified unit) for those academic appointees under their jurisdictions. Records relating to family and medical leave shall be maintained separately from other personnel records.

Revision History

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- Policy title updated to clarify the policy applies to paid sick leave.
- Policy updated to provide paid medical leave to Agronomists, Astronomers, and Curators who have a full-time appointment for at least a full academic year.
- Policy updated to permit paid sick leave accrual and usage to certain academic appointees who have a paid appointment of at least thirty (30) calendar days, and to those with less than 50% appointments.
- Policy updated to provide a paid sick leave bank to all faculty, Agronomists, Astronomers, and Curators who have an appointment of at least thirty (30) calendar days.
- Policy updated to provide a paid sick leave bank to academic appointees in university extension who do not accrue sick leave who have an appointment of at least thirty (30) calendar days.
- Policy updated to include protected paid sick leave.
- Policy updated to extend the period during which accrued and unused paid sick leave may be reinstated if an appointee is reemployed after a separation from employment and to address reinstatement of unused days from a paid sick leave bank.
- Policy updated to allow use of paid sick leave for additional reasons, including preventive care and for specified purposes for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- Policy updated to provide notice requirements for an academic appointee to use paid sick leave.
- Policy updated to include recording of paid medical leave, paid sick leave bank, and paid sick leave accrual and use.

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- Technical revisions to add a designated person for family and medical leave due to changes to CFRA, effective 1/1/23.
- Policy updated to permit use of sick leave for medical appointments or illness of a designated person, effective January 1, 2023, and to add APM – 758, Leaves of Absence/Other Leaves, in the list of related policies in APM – 710-1.

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