MA Paid Family and Medical Leave
Your Rights and Obligations under the Massachusetts Family and Medical Leave Law.

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EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS

- As of January 1, 2021, you may be entitled to up to:
  - 12 weeks of paid family leave in a benefit year for the birth, adoption, or foster care placement of a child, or because of a qualifying exigency arising out of the fact that a family member is on active duty or has been notified of an impending call to active duty in the Armed Forces;
  - 20 weeks of paid medical leave in a benefit year if they have a serious health condition that incapacitates them from work;
  - 26 weeks of paid family leave in a benefit year to care for a family member who is a covered service member undergoing medical treatment or otherwise addressing consequences of a serious health condition relating to the family member’s military service.

- As of July 1, 2021, you may be entitled to up to:
  - 12 weeks of paid family leave in a benefit year to care for a family member with a serious health condition.
  - 26 total weeks, in the aggregate, of paid family and medical leave in a single benefit year.

- Your weekly benefit amount will be based on your earnings, with a maximum benefit of $1,084.31 per week.

JOB PROTECTION, CONTINUATION OF HEALTH INSURANCE, NO RETALIATION

- Job Protection: Generally, if you take family or medical leave under the law you must be restored to your previous position or to an equivalent position, with the same status, pay, employment benefits, length-of-service credit, and seniority as of the date of leave.

- Continuation of Health Insurance: Your employer must continue to provide for and contribute to your employment-related health insurance benefits, if any, at the level and under the conditions coverage would have been provided if you had continued working...
continuously for the duration of such leave. If your health insurance is continued during your
leave, you must continue to submit payments equal to the contribution levels required while
you are actively at work.

- **No Retaliation:** It is unlawful for any employer to discriminate or retaliate against you for
  exercising any right to which you are entitled under the paid family and medical leave law.
  An employee or former employee who is discriminated or retaliated against for exercising
  rights under the law may, not more than three years after the violation occurs, institute a civil
  action in the superior court.

**PRIVATE PLAN EXEMPTION**

In accordance with M.G.L. c. 175M, an employer that offers paid leave with benefits that are at least
as generous as those provided under the law may apply for an exemption from paying the
Department of Family and Medical Leave Family and Employment Security Trust Fund contribution.

We have secured an exemption for our Paid Medical Leave plan, and it will be insured by
Prudential.

**Our Paid Family Leave plan will be insured by the State of MA**

**PRIVATE PLAN RATES & EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS (PREMIUMS)**

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*Rates are effective January 1, 2022–December 31, 2022. Rates are subject to change annually.*

*Contributions are calculated based on the above percentages of your W-2 and/or 1099 earnings
in accordance with the law. Contributions are applied each pay period until wages meet, or
exceed, the calendar year Social Security wage base. The Social Security Administration (SSA) has
determined that the wage base subject to the tax will be $147,000 in 2022.*

**COSTS FOR EMPLOYEES**

**Medical Leave Plan**

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**Family Leave Plan**

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The costs outlined above are structured to comply with the regulations relative to the Massachusetts Family and Medical Leave Law, M.G.L. c. 175M. The amount you are required to pay is an amount that is equal to, or less than, the amount you would be required to pay if we chose to participate in the public program managed by the MA Department of Family and Medical Leave (DFML). The Department can be contacted at:

**The Massachusetts Department of Family and Medical Leave**

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