FMLA Certification of Health Care Provider for Employee's Serious Health Condition

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SECTION 1: For Completion by the EMPLOYER

INSTRUCTIONS to the **EMPLOYER:** FMLA provides that an employer may require an employee seeking FMLA protections because of a need for leave due to a serious health condition to submit a medical certification issued by the employee's health care provider.

Employer name_____
Employer contact person:_____
Employee's job title: _____
Regular work schedule: _____
Employee's essential job functions: _____

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_____ Check if job description is attached.

SECTION II: For Completion by the EMPLOYEE

INSTRUCTIONS to the EMPLOYEE: Please complete Section II before giving this form to your medical provider. The FMLA permits an employer to require that you submit a timely, complete, and sufficient medical certification to support a request for FMLA leave due to your own serious health condition. If requested by your employer, your response is required to obtain or retain the benefit of FMLA protections. Failure to provide a complete and sufficient medical certification may result in a denial of your FMLA request. Your employer must give you at least 15 calendar days to return this form.

Your name: _____
First Middle Last

SECTION III: For Completion by the HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

INSTRUCTIONS to the HEALTH CARE PROVIDER: Your patient has requested leave under the FMLA. Answer, fully and completely, all applicable parts. Several questions seek a response as to the frequency or duration of a condition, treatment, etc. Your answer should be your best estimate based upon your medical knowledge, experience, and examination of the patient. Be as specific as you can; terms such as "lifetime," "unknown," or "indeterminate" may not be sufficient to determine FMLA coverage. Limit your responses to the condition for which the employee is seeking leave. Please be sure to sign the form on the last page.

Provider's name and business address: _____

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Type of practice/Medical specialty: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax: (_____) _____

Part A. MEDICAL FACTS

1. Approximate date condition commenced: _____

   Probable duration of condition: _____

   Mark below as applicable:
   Was the patient admitted for an overnight stay in a hospital, hospice, or residential medical care facility?
   ___ No ___ Yes. If so, dates of admission: _____

   Date(s) you treated the patient for condition: _____

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   Will the patient need to have treatment visits at least twice per year due to the condition? ___ No ___ Yes.

   Was medication, other than over-the-counter medication, prescribed? ___No ___ Yes.

   Was the patient referred to other health care provider(s) for evaluation or treatment (e.g., physical therapist)?
   ___ No ___ Yes. If so, state the nature of such treatments and expected duration of treatment:
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   Is the medical condition pregnancy? ___ No ___ Yes. If so, expected delivery date:_____.

2. Use the information provided by the employer in Section 1 to answer this question. If the employer fails to provide a list of the employee's essential functions or a job description, answer these questions based upon the employee's own description of his/her job functions.
   Is the employee unable to perform any of his/her job functions due to the condition:
   ___ No ___ Yes
   If so, identify the job functions the employee is unable to perform: _____
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4. Describe other relevant medical facts, if any, related to the condition for which the employee seeks leave (such medical facts may include symptoms, diagnosis, or any regimen of continuing treatment such as the use of specialized equipment): _____
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Part B: AMOUNT OF LEAVE NEEDED

5. Will the employee be incapacitated for a single continuous period of time due to his/her medical condition, including any time for treatment and recovery? ___ No ___ Yes.

   If so, estimate the beginning and ending dates for the period of incapacity: _____
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6. Will the employee need to attend follow-up treatment appointments or work part-time or on a reduced schedule because of the employee's medical condition? ___ No ___ Yes.

   If so, are the treatments or the reduced number of hours of work medically necessary? ___ No ___ Yes.

   Estimate treatment schedule, if any, including the dates of any scheduled appointments and the time required for each appointment, including any recovery period: _____
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   _____

   Estimate the part-time or reduced work schedule the employee needs, if any:

   _____ hour(s) per day;_____days per week from _____through _____

7. Will the condition cause episodic flare-ups periodically preventing the employee from performing his/her job functions? ___ No ___ Yes.

   Is it medically necessary for the employee to be absent from work during the flare-ups? ____No____ Yes. If so, explain: _____
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   Based upon the patient's medical history and your knowledge of the medical condition, estimate the frequency of flare-ups and the duration of related incapacity that the patient may have over the next 6 months (e.g., 1 episode every 3 months lasting 1-2 days):

   Frequency: ____ times per____ week(s) ____ month(s)

   Duration: ____hours or____ day(s) per episode

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: IDENTIFY QUESTION NUMBER WITH YOUR ADDITIONAL ANSWER:

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Signature of Health Care Provider **Date**