## CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH

# POLICY AND PROCEDURES

# MANAGEMENT

# VOLUNTARY LEAVE TRANSFER PROGRAM

## **Table of Contents**

PURPOSE1	
BACKGROUND1	
POLICY	)
RESPONSIBILITIES	5
When receiving donated leave as a recipient applicant6	5
When donating leave to an approved recipient	)
PROCEDURES11	
REFERENCES	3
DEFINITIONS14	ł
SUMMARY OF CHANGES	5
EFFECTIVE DATE	5
CHANGE CONTROL TABLE	5
ATTACHMENT 1 – Payroll Service Letter (Sample)16	5
ATTACHMENT 2 – Request a Waiver to Exceed Donation	
Limitations (Sample)	

## PURPOSE

This MAPP outlines the policies and procedures for administering the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (VLTP) in the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER).

## BACKGROUND

Under the VLTP, a covered employee may donate annual leave *directly* to another employee who has a personal or family medical emergency, who has exhausted his or her available paid leave, and who has been approved as an eligible recipient under the VLTP program.

Employees under the Senior Executive Service (SES), General Schedule, and Federal Wage System, who are subject to the leave provisions under Title 5 of the United States Code, Chapter 63, Subchapter 1, are eligible to participate in the VLTP. Commissioned Corps Officers are not eligible to participate in the VLTP.

## CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH

MAPP 4657.12 Rev. 1

## POLICY

## Leave Recipients

An employee affected by a personal medical or family medical emergency may apply to become a leave recipient of the VLTP by submitting an FDA Leave Recipient Application (Form FDA 3496).

- To be eligible as a leave recipient, it must be expected that the potential recipient (full-time employee) will be absent from duty without paid leave <u>for at least 24 hours</u>.
- For a part-time employee, or an employee with an uncommon tour of duty, <u>at least 30 percent</u> of the average number of work hours in the employee's biweekly schedule would be expected to result in leave without pay (LWOP).
- The employee does not have to actually <u>use</u> LWOP before he/she can be eligible as a leave recipient. The absence can be consecutive or intermittent hours.

In determining whether a medical emergency is likely to result in a substantial loss of income, approving officials may not consider factors other than that the absence without paid leave is expected to be at least 24 hours (full-time employee) or at least 30 percent of the average biweekly work hours (part-time employee).

Full-time employees may use up to 104 hours (13 workdays) of sick leave each leave year for family care and bereavement purposes. Part-time employees and employees with uncommon tours of duty may use the prorated amount in proportion to the average amount of hours in his or her regularly scheduled workweek.

Under the Federal Employees Family Friendly Leave Act (1994) an employee may use sick leave for the following reasons:

- To provide care for a **family member** who is incapacitated as a result of a physical or mental illness, injury, pregnancy, or childbirth;
- Provide care for a **family member** as a result of medical, dental or optical examination or treatment;
- Provide care for a family member who would, as determined by the health authorities having jurisdiction or a health care provider, jeopardize the health of others by that family member's presence in the community because of exposure to a communicable disease; or
- Make arrangements necessitated by the death of a **family member** or attend the funeral of a **family member**.

Refer to the DEFINITIONS section for definition of "Family Member".

At the discretion of the second level supervisor, an employee may be advanced up to 104 hours (13 days) of sick leave each leave year (or a proportional amount for an employee on a part-time schedule or uncommon tour of duty) for family care or bereavement purposes.

#### CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH

MAPP 4657.12 Rev. 1

If the employee is incapable of applying as a leave recipient, another federal employee or a family member may apply on his/her behalf (personal representation).

Any applicant applying to be a leave transfer recipient shall be notified as to the approval or disapproval of their application <u>within 10 work days</u> (excluding Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays) from the date the application was received by the immediate supervisor. Refer to RESPONSIBILITIES section for the "Immediate Supervisor", "Program Specialist" and the "CDER VLTP Coordinator".

• Once an employee is approved as a leave recipient, donations of annual leave may begin. However, an approved leave recipient may not use donated leave until he/she has exhausted all of his/her own available paid leave. Refer to DEFINITIONS section for the definition of "Available Paid Leave."

## **<u>Retroactive Coverage</u>**

A potential leave recipient must apply for donated leave <u>within 30 workdays</u> after the end of the medical emergency to be eligible for **retroactive coverage** to the beginning of the medical emergency. Leave donations can only be received during the 30 days following the end of the medical emergency. Therefore, the application should be submitted as soon as possible following the end of the medical emergency.

Donated annual leave may be substituted retroactively for periods of LWOP or to liquidate advanced annual or sick leave granted to an approved leave recipient to cover absences during a personal medical or family medical emergency. The approved leave recipient will decide how the donated leave is used.

## **Announcement of Medical Emergency**

In the event that there are no identified leave donors or the amount of leave donated does not cover the leave recipient's absence, the leave recipient may request that an announcement (via electronic mail) to solicit leave donors be made to all CDER and/or FDA employees. The announcement will contain the recipient's name (optional), grade, organization, estimated number of hours needed, and timekeeper information (e.g., timekeeper number and timekeeper's name and telephone number). Leave recipients may request that additional information be included in the announcement, including the general nature, severity, and duration of the emergency.

## Accrual of Annual and Sick Leave

While participating in VLTP, the recipient's leave should be manually kept on the Administrative Time and Leave Record for VLTP (HHS-564).

#### CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH

MAPP 4657.12 Rev. 1

Once a leave recipient begins using donated leave, he/she continues to accrue annual and sick leave of up to 40 hours in each category in a separate leave account (set-aside) regardless of whether it is a personal medical or family medical emergency (part-time employees or employees with an uncommon tour of duty, accrue the average number of hours of work in the employees weekly scheduled tour of duty).

- Once 40 hours are accumulated in each leave category, the accumulation stops in the separate leave account, even if the medical emergency still exists. (The accumulation does not stop on the leave recipient's leave and earnings statement (LES), rather, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) automatically calculates and keeps a record of the current balance.)
- Leave is still accrued in the regular account based on hours worked. The 40 hours of annual leave and sick leave accrued by the leave recipient while in transferred leave status will be kept in a separate leave account and is not available for use until the <u>first pay period after the end of the medical emergency.</u>
- **Exception:** When all donated leave is exhausted, the leave recipient may use the accrued leave from the separate account only for the purposes related to the medical emergency. All other leave <u>must</u> be charged to leave without pay, available credit, or compensatory time. The recipient <u>may not</u> replenish any leave borrowed from the separate leave account.

A leave recipient, who returns to work on a part-time schedule while still in a medical emergency situation, will earn regular annual and sick leave on a prorated basis. This accrued regular leave must be used (for the medical emergency only) before any donated leave is used in the following pay period(s).

Upon termination of a personal medical or family medical emergency, any unused donated leave will be restored to the leave donor(s). The donated leave will not be restored in the event a leave donor retires, dies, or separates from the federal government before the date in which the donated leave can be restored. If the total number of eligible leave donors exceeds the total number of annual leave hours to be restored, none of the unused donated leave will be restored (the leave is lost). The amount of annual leave restored to a leave donor must never exceed the amount that he/she donated. Refer to the "Restoration of Unused Donated Leave" in the PROCEDURES section.

## **Separation from Government**

If an employee who is in transferred leave status separates from the federal government, the separate 40 hour annual leave and sick leave accruals will <u>not</u> be credited to the employee. **The FDA Office of Human Resources <u>must</u> be notified that the employee does not receive a lump sum payment of annual leave and does not receive any credit of sick leave for time in service. This must be noted on the "resignation", "death", "retirement" or "disability retirement" Request for Personnel Action (SF-52) in the "Remarks" section. This statement should read as follows: "Employee is a current participant in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program, therefore, the** 

#### CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH

MAPP 4657.12 Rev. 1

# employee does not receive a lump sum payment for annual leave and does not receive any credit of sick leave for time in service."

# Leave Donors

An employee voluntarily wishing to be a leave donor will submit an FDA Donor Request For Authorization to Transfer Annual Leave (Form FDA 3497) or a Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient (Outside Agency) Under the Leave Transfer Program (Form OPM 630-B) to transfer a specific number of hours of his/her accrued annual leave to the leave account of a designated leave recipient.

- A leave donor may only donate accrued <u>annual</u> leave (as shown on the Administrative Time and Leave Record) and/or may donate unused restored annual leave from previous leave years to the annual leave account of a designated leave recipient.
- All leave must be donated in increments of <u>one hour</u>.
- A leave donor may <u>not</u> donate annual leave to his/her immediate supervisor.

Unless a waiver is requested and approved, a leave donor may not donate <u>more than half</u> of the amount of annual leave he/she would be entitled to accrue during the leave year in which the donation was made (See Chart Below.). This limitation applies regardless of whether the leave is donated consecutively or intermittently during the leave year.

Accrual Rate	Maximum Donation
8 hours category 6 hours category	104 hours 78 hours
4 hours category	52 hours

Without a waiver, a leave donor, who is projected to have annual leave that otherwise would be forfeited at the end of the leave year, may not donate more than the lesser of: (1) half the amount of annual leave that he/she would be entitled to accrue during the leave year in which the donation is made; or (2) the number of work hours remaining in the leave year (as of the date of the leave transfer) for which he/she is scheduled to work and receive pay. To request a waiver, refer to "Waiving Donation Limitation" under the PROCEDURES section.

## Leave Donations to/from Other Agencies

Annual leave may be donated to or from another federal agency only when: (1) a family member works in another federal agency and requests the transfer of annual leave to the leave recipient; or (2) a sufficient number of annual leave hours is not donated from the employees of the leave recipient's agency. In such cases, the leave donation will be coordinated through the CDER VLTP Coordinator in writing of the amount of leave to be donated.

#### CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH

MAPP 4657.12 Rev. 1

## **Approval Authorities**

The Chief, Program Management Services Branch, Division of Management Services (DMS), is delegated the authority to approve/disapprove requests to participate as a leave recipient in the VLTP Leave Transfer Program, as well as approve/disapprove requests made by leave donors to waive donation limitations.

Immediate supervisors have the authority to approve/disapprove requests to donate leave within the FDA.

The Center VLTP Coordinator has the authority to approve/disapprove requests to donate leave outside the FDA.

## **Confidentiality**

In the interest of preserving the privacy of leave recipients and donors under this program, employees with access to information related to an individual leave transfer must not disclose information to anyone except to individuals who have a need to know for purposes of administering the program or to individuals who have the express written permission of the donor or recipient to release specific information.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

When receiving donated leave as a recipient applicant

## The potential leave recipient or representative:

- Will complete the FDA Leave Recipient Application Form (FDA 3496); provide a doctor's statement showing the diagnosis, prognosis, the beginning date and the duration of the medical or family medical emergency; and submit the Administrative Time and Leave Record (HHS-564).
- To be eligible for retroactive coverage from the beginning of the medical emergency, applies for donated leave <u>within 30 workdays</u> after the end of the medical emergency.
- Will submit the complete application along with the doctor's note and HHS-564 to the immediate supervisor.

## The immediate supervisor of the potential leave recipient:

• Reviews the application package, recommends approval/disapproval, and forwards it to the appropriate Program Specialist <u>within 3 days</u> to ensure the 10-day notification requirement is met.

Originating Office: Office of Management Effective Date: <del>11/7/97</del>; 06/24/14

## CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH

MAPP 4657.12 Rev. 1

• Notifies the FDA Office of Human Resources that the participating recipient is separating from government service and that the employee is not to receive credit for any accrued annual and/or sick leave.

## The program specialist of the potential leave recipient:

• Reviews the application package to ensure that all necessary documentation is present and forwards the <u>original or scanned copy</u> of the application to the CDER VLTP Coordinator <u>within 3 days</u> to ensure 10-day notification requirement is met.

## The CDER Voluntary Leave Transfer Program Coordinator:

- Receives the application package from the program specialist; reviews the application for completeness and eligibility requirements; prepares the package for approving official; and, forwards the package to the Chief, Program Management Services Branch, DMS, for approval/disapproval.
- Forwards a copy of the signed approval/disapproval package <u>within 3 days</u> to the applicant through the applicant's program specialist, with a copy to the timekeeper and immediate supervisor.
- At the leave recipient's request, sends an announcement (via electronic mail) through CDER-ALL-HANDS and/or FDA NOTICES to solicit leave donors.
- Maintains individual files for all leave recipients as well as a database of all transactions.

## The leave recipient's timekeeper:

- Will set up the VLTP account for the recipient in ITAS. Refer to the FDA ITAS USER MANUAL for instructions. The account must specify "VLTP for Personal" or "VLTP for Family". If not specified, DFAS will not use the VLTP balance, instead it most likely will be charged to LWOP. If this happens, contact your ITAS Coordinator (also known as the ITAS AO).
- Notifies FDA Payroll of the approved VLTP donation(s) through memorandum (see Attachment 1). This memo (also called a Payroll Service Letter) should be sent to the FDA Payroll Liaison when you receive the first donation(s). Up to 5 donations can be submitted per memorandum at any one time. Without this memo, the donation will not be processed through our payroll system, and the recipient will not get credited the hours. A copy of the memo must be sent to the VLTP Coordinator. After Payroll has processed the Payroll Service Letter, please allow it 3-4 days to process through DFAS.

## CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH

MAPP 4657.12 Rev. 1

- **NOTE:** Due to DFAS processing, do not use donated leave received during the current pay period. The donated leave received must appear on the recipient's LES prior to using. The DFAS system will automatically put the recipient in LWOP if this rule is not followed. If donated leave must be used in the pay period, but there is not enough available on the LES, you must contact your ITAS AO. The ITAS AO will contact the FDA Payroll Liaison for CDER to see what the exact donated leave balance is in DFAS. You will need to collect the LES each pay period, immediately when available.
- Requests a leave recipient report through ITAS during first week of the pay period. Refer to the FDA ITAS USER MANUAL for instructions. This report will confirm actual donations received versus donations entered into ITAS for recipient's usage.
- Will be sure all available annual leave and sick leave (as it applies under current laws) is used prior to using any donated leave.
  - **NOTE:** DO NOT use Advanced Annual Leave while the employee is in VLTP DFAS will not allow it.
- If employee is granted Advanced Sick Leave, make sure it is entered in ITAS during the first week of the pay period; if it is entered into ITAS the second week, use it retroactively. Otherwise, DFAS will not recognize it in the system in time to be used in the same period. The recipient most likely will be put in LWOP status.
- Notification of advanced leave must be sent to the FDA Payroll Liaison at least one pay period in advance.
  - If notification is not processed in advance, the DFAS payroll system will perform a leave conversion. Leave hours in excess of the employee's own sick leave balance will follow the standard leave conversion, i.e., sick leave will convert to annual leave, compensatory, credit hours or leave without pay.
  - It is absolutely necessary that donor email, with the Payroll Service Letter, reach the FDA Payroll Liaison no-later-than the second Wednesday of the pay period.
  - The recipient's timekeeper must send the 'donation emails'.
- As the recipient timekeeper you must notify the FDA Payroll Liaison via memorandum when the employee has officially been removed from the VLTP Program. The VLTP Coordinator will notify the recipient timekeeper of the official date. The VLTP Coordinator must receive a copy of this notification for his/her file. Do not remove the recipient account in ITAS until all records have been verified and corrected. This should be coordinated with the VLTP Coordinator.

#### CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH

MAPP 4657.12 Rev. 1

## When donating leave to an approved recipient

## The potential leave donor:

- Ensures that the amount of leave to be donated does not exceed the provisions stated in the "Donation Limitations" in the POLICY section.
- Completes the Donor Request for Authorization to Transfer Annual Leave (Form FDA 3497) as well as the Request for Leave or Approved Absence (OPM Form 71), and attach a copy of the Administrative Time and Leave Record (HHS-564) along with the ITAS screen charging the amount of leave to be donated under "VLTP Donated" (from timekeeper). Refer to the FDA ITAS USER MANUAL for instructions.
- All waiver requests must be approved prior to the donation being approved and entered into ITAS.
- The potential leave donor submits the donation request with required attachments to the immediate supervisor for approval/disapproval.

## To donate annual leave to an approved recipient outside of FDA:

- The potential leave donor must complete Form OPM 630-B (Part A only) along with the Request for Leave or Approved Absence (OPM Form 71), and attach a copy of the ITAS screen charging the amount of leave to be donated under "VLTP Donated" (from timekeeper) and a copy of the Administrative Time and Leave Record (HHS-564) maintained by the timekeeper.
- The potential leave donor must provide the contact information of the timekeeper or coordinator from the outside agency.
- To donate leave in ITAS to a non-FDA Employee, the ITAS AO must enter the donation into ITAS. Refer to the FDA ITAS USER MANUAL, FDA IMPLEMENTATION TEAM ITAS SOLUTIONS section for instructions.
- The potential leave donor submits the donation request with required attachments to the immediate supervisor for signature of the OPM-71.

## CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH

MAPP 4657.12 Rev. 1

## An outside agency donating annual leave to an approved FDA recipient:

- In such cases, the leave donor's agency will notify the CDER VLTP Coordinator with the Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient (Outside Agency) Under the Leave Transfer Program (OPM 630-B). The VLTP Coordinator forwards a copy of the donation package to the recipient's timekeeper.
- The recipient's ITAS AO must enter the donation into ITAS. Refer to the FDA ITAS USER MANUAL, IMPLEMENTATION TEAM ITAS SOLUTIONS section for instructions.

## The immediate supervisor of the potential leave donor:

- Reviews requests to donate annual leave, verifies that the leave donor has available leave to donate, and determines that the amount of leave to be donated does not exceed the provisions in the DONATION LIMITATIONS section listed above.
- Notifies the leave donor of problems with the proposed donation, and explains possible solutions (e.g., waiving donation limitations).
- Approves/disapproves the leave donation by signing the FDA Donor Request for Authorization to Transfer Annual Leave (FDA 3497) and the Request for Leave or Approved Absence (OPM-71) and forwards the original donation package to the appropriate program specialist.

## The program specialist of the leave donor:

- Reviews requests to donate annual leave, verifies that the leave donor has available leave to donate, and determines that the amount of leave to be donated does not exceed the provisions in the DONATION LIMITATIONS section listed above.
- Reviews the Form FDA 3497 (FDA Donor Request for Authorization to Transfer Annual Leave) or OPM 630-B (Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Outside Agency Under the Leave Transfer Program) to ensure that all necessary documentation is present and forwards the request to the CDER VLTP Coordinator.
- Ensures that the donation is properly documented in ITAS on the LTP screen under "Donations" and forwards a <u>copy</u> of the ITAS LTP screen along with the donor request form and other attachments to the CDER VLTP Coordinator.
- Keeps a copy of the donation package (timekeeper file) and forwards the <u>original</u> package to the CDER VLTP Coordinator.

## CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH

MAPP 4657.12 Rev. 1

## The CDER Voluntary Leave Transfer Program Coordinator:

- Reviews and authorizes leave donations outside the FDA.
- Forwards the outside donation to the appropriate Agency personnel of the approved recipient.
- Maintains records of all CDER donations.

# The Chief, Program Management Services Branch:

- Approves/disapproves requests to participate as a leave recipient in the VLTP.
- Approves/disapproves leave donors' requests to waive donation limitations.

# PROCEDURES

# **Setting Up the Leave Recipient Account in ITAS**

The recipient's timekeeper must set up the LTP account in ITAS by:

- Select a Reason from the dropdown list
- Select an Emergency Type from the dropdown list
- Enter a valid date in the Begin Date field. (the day VLTP was approved) **NOTE:** The End Date field will be populated when the LTP Account is closed. Please leave Blank.
- Click OK.

The Donated Leave screen is redisplayed with the account line item.

## **Waiving Donation Limitations**

A leave donor must request a waiver <u>in writing</u> to donate more leave than what is stipulated under "Leave Donor" in the POLICY section above. (See Attachment 2 for sample memorandum.)

- A waiver will allow leave donors to donate any amount of accrued annual leave.
- The waiver request may be submitted when the request to donate leave is initiated, or at any time during the leave year if the donor wishes to exceed the limited amount.
- The waiver request must describe any unusual circumstances which may warrant waiving the donated leave limitations. Such circumstances may include, but are not limited to the following:

Originating Office: Office of Management Effective Date: <del>11/7/97</del>; 06/24/14

#### CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH

- o the donor is a family member of the leave recipient;
- the amount of leave donated is not sufficient to cover the emergency; and
- the nature of the medical emergency and the desire for minimal publicity provides more hours from fewer donors.

## **Documenting Donated Leave**

Transactions to donate annual leave must be documented on the leave donor's Application for Leave (OPM-71), in ITAS LTP screen, and the Administrative Time and Leave Record (HHS-564).

All entries on the **OPM-71** are self-explanatory except the following:

- Item 4. Check either accrued annual leave or restored annual leave as appropriate
- Item 6. Enter "Annual leave donated to (name and timekeeper number of the recipient)

The **ITAS LTP screen** is used to record the leave donor's donation and to record the donated leave used by leave recipients.

Recording the leave donor's donation:

- In ITAS, record the number of hours donated on the ITAS LTP screen under "DONATIONS".
- If an employee uses and/or donates more than a total of 80 annual leave hours in a pay period, the amount of donated leave in excess of 80 hours must be charged the next pay period.
- If an employee is donating <u>restored use-or-lose annual leave</u>, record the number of hours donated on ITAS Donate Leave screen under "Hours Type". Also, the amount of restored leave being donated must be documented on the Restored Leave Record as leave used, issued by the Payroll Liaison Branch in the Division of Accounting, Office of Financial Management, FDA.
  - <u>Recording donated leave received by the recipient:</u> The number of hours received by the recipient is recorded in ITAS LTP screen under "Accounts/End Received".
  - <u>Recording donated leave used by the recipient:</u> The number of donated leave hours used by the recipient is recorded in ITAS on the LTP screen under "USED".

The **HHS-564 for VLTP** is used by the leave recipient's timekeeper while in VLTP status to ensure complete and accurate accounting of the recipient's donated leave on a biweekly (pay period) basis. The number of donated leave hours used is entered in the daily blocks followed by "da" (abbreviation for donated annual; e.g., 8da).

The leave recipient's timekeeper should use the Administrative Time and Leave Record for VLTP to:

#### CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH

- Maintain daily hours and regular leave accounts;
- Record the receipt of OPM-71s and the total number of donated hours received; and,
- Record the amount of donated annual leave used each pay period.

DFAS automatically calculates the set-aside. Contact CDER's Payroll Liaison via telephone, with the recipients' full social security number to obtain correct set-aside balances.

## **Restoration of Unused Donated Leave**

The DFAS Payroll Service will restore any unused donated leave to the donor on a prorated basis. The restoration will show on the donor's LES.

DFAS will only credit the restored leave to the donor's leave account for the current leave year.

# **NOTE:** All forms (fillable) associated with the VLTP can be found on the Center's Administrative Toolbox Web site for VLTP.

## REFERENCES

- 1. HHS Instruction 630-1-60, Voluntary Transfer of Leave, July 26, 1996.
- 2. DHHS Timekeeper Guide, Chapter 16
- 3. CDER's Administrative Toolbox Website
- 4. 5 U.S. Code, Part III, Subpart E, Chapter 63, Subchapter 111, Sections 6331-6340, Voluntary Transfer of Leave.
- 5. Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 630, Subpart I, Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Voluntary Leave Transfer Program.
- 6. Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 630, Subpart D, Sick Leave.
- 7. Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 630, Subpart L, Family Medical Leave Act.
- 8. Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Department of Health and Human Services and the National Treasury Employee Union, Article 21, October 2010.
- 9. FDA ITAS Manual

#### CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH

## DEFINITIONS

- 1. **Voluntary Leave Transfer Program**. A program that allows a federal employee to transfer his/her unused accrued annual leave to another federal employee (approved recipient) who needs the leave due to a personal medical or family medical emergency.
- 2. **Medical Emergency**. A medical condition of an employee, or a family member, that requires the employee to be absent from duty for a prolonged period of time resulting in substantial loss of income due to the unavailability of paid leave.
- 3. **Family Member (for VLTP and Sick Leave for Family Care and Bereavement)**. A *family member* covers a wide range of relationships, including spouse and parents thereof; sons and daughters and spouses thereof; parents and spouses thereof; brothers and sisters and spouses thereof; grandparents and grandchildren and spouses thereof; domestic partner and parents thereof, including domestic partners of any of the aforementioned; and, any individual related by blood or affinity whose close association with the employees the equivalent of a family relationship.
- 4. **Leave Recipient**. A current federal employee who has been approved to receive annual leave from the annual leave accounts of one or more leave donors.
- 5. Leave Donor. A current federal employee who has been approved to transfer an amount of his/her regular or restored annual leave to the annual leave account of a leave recipient.
- 6. **Personal Representation**. A federal employee or a family member acting on behalf of another federal employee to obtain approval in the VLTP.
- 7. **Set-Aside Account**. A separate leave account established to record annual and sick leave accruals based on donated hours used.
- 8. **Substantial Loss of Income**. Absence or anticipated absence from duty without available paid leave for <u>at least 24 hours</u>.
- 9. **Transferred Leave Status**. The time during which an employee is an approved leave recipient in the VLTP.
- 10. **Available Paid Leave**. Includes an employee's accrued, accumulated, recredited, and restored annual or sick leave. It does not include advanced annual or sick leave, any annual or sick leave in an employee's set aside leave accounts which has not yet been transferred to the employee's regular annual or sick leave account, or other forms of paid time off (i.e., credit hours under flexible work schedules, compensatory time off, religious compensatory time off).

#### CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH

## SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Updated to include current DHHS policy regarding retroactive VLTP cases; definition of Family Member and Available Paid Leave; and ITAS/DFAS procedures.

# EFFECTIVE DATE

This MAPP is effective upon date of publication.

## CHANGE CONTROL TABLE

Effective	Revision	Revisions
Date	Number	
06/24/14	1	Updated policy section, definitions, and procedures.

## CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH

## **ATTACHMENT 1 – Payroll Service Letter (Sample)**

#### M E M O R A N D U M DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH

DATE:

# FROM: (Timekeeper) (ITAS (AO) Coordinator)

TO: Katie Aeberhard, Office of Financial Services,

RE: Voluntary Leave Transfer Program in DFAS

The following employee has been approved as a participant in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. Please establish a balance for them in DFAS.

## Recipient:

Last Name, First Name Last for digits of SSN – do not submit entire SSN Pay period end date Pay period number Donated Leave Type: New or Continue Date emergency Began: Status Indicator – Self or Family

Donor Information:

(Last name, First name) SSN Signed (date) (Number) hours donated Restoration: Yes (FDA) FDA Payroll Office: Yes Other Payroll Office (Full Mailing Address):

## **ATTACHMENT 2** – Request a Waiver to Exceed Donation Limitations (Sample)

# **MEMORANDUM** DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES **PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE** FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION **CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH**

Recipient Name:

Medical Emergency is affecting: 
□ Recipient 
□ Recipient's Family Member

Donor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Donating: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason for Request for Waiver of Donation Limitation:** 

This memorandum is to request a waiver of the limitations for donating annual leave. Currently, I have \_\_\_\_ in my Annual Leave account. I would like to donate \_\_\_\_ hours to Recipient Name. This would exceed my limitation of \_\_\_\_ hours by \_\_\_\_ hours.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

This is to certify that I am requesting a waiver of donation limitation.

Employee's signature	Date
Immediate Supervisor signature	
Approved	Disapproved
Approving Official signatureCHIEF / PMSB / 2	Date DMS / OM / CDER
Approved	Disapproved