## Family Leave Policy Changes and FMLA Administration for Flight Attendants

Effective October 30, 2006

	Current FA Policy	10/30 Policy	FMLA
Eligibility	Any flight attendant with a minimum of one year of service and 470 credited flight hours in the previous 12 months.	Any flight attendant with a minimum of one year of service and 590 <b>credited flight hours</b> in the previous 12 months, not including hours paid for sick leave and vacation.	U.S. domiciled flight attendants with a minimum of one year of service and 1250 duty hours in the previous 12 months.  Standard Eligibility formula:
	Standard Eligibility Formula 65 hours monthly x 12 months x 60% = 470 hours	Standard Eligibility formula: 82 hours x 12 months x 60% = 590 hours	40 hours weekly x 52 weeks = 2080 x 60% = 1250 duty hours.
		Hours paid for sick leave, occupational and FML absences, as well as vacation hours, will not be included in credited flight hours.	Eligibility: Duty hours (check-in to debrief in each duty period) = 1250 hours in the previous 12 months
Usage	<u>Calculation:</u> 77 hours x 2.8 months = 216 flight hours	Calculation: 82 hours x 2.8 months = 230 flight hours	Calculation: 113.50 (average monthly duty hours) X 2.8 months = 318 duty hours
	*2.8 months for block usage	*2.8 months for block usage	*12 weeks for block usage
Checking Eligibility	Flight attendant prints application from Skynet and mails/faxes.	Flight attendant must first call the Service Center to check eligibility hours. Flight attendant prints application from Skynet and mails/faxes.	Flight attendant must first call the Service Center to check eligibility hours. Flight attendant prints application from Skynet and mails/faxes.
Application Requirements	Application must be received within 15 days.	Application must be received within 15 days of when FML is requested, and no later than 15 days after the first day of the absence.	Application must be received within 15 days of when FML is requested, and no later than 15 days after the first day of the absence.
Second Opinion	If UA Medical determines that a flight attendant's condition does not qualify, a second opinion may be requested. If there is a balance remaining after the bill has been submitted to the flight attendant's insurance carrier, that cost will be shared by the flight attendant and United.	If UA Medical determines that a flight attendant's condition does not qualify, a second opinion may be requested. The cost of the second opinion will be borne by the Company.	If UA Medical determines that a flight attendant's condition does not qualify, a second opinion may be requested. The cost of the second opinion will be borne by the Company.

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Maternity and Parental Leave	FML is not imposed for the first 90 days after delivery. If an extension is requested, FML is used for the next 90 days.	FML will run concurrently with maternity and parental leave effective the date of delivery. If maternity leave is elected prior to the 31 <sup>st</sup> week of pregnancy, FML will also be imposed.	FMLA will run concurrently with maternity and parental leave effective the date of delivery. If maternity leave is elected prior to the 31st week of pregnancy, FMLA will also be imposed.
Illness/Occupational Injury	FML is not imposed for illness or occupational absences.	FML may run concurrently with any absence due to an occupational injury and/or when medical documentation indicates a FML qualifying condition**.	FMLA may run concurrently with any absence due to an occupational injury and/or when medical documentation indicates a FMLA qualifying condition**.
Medical Leave of Absence	FML is not imposed for any Medical Leave of Absence.	FML will be imposed concurrently with any medical leave of absence, even if qualification for FML was not established prior to being converted to a leave of absence status.	FMLA will be imposed concurrently with any medical leave of absence, even if qualification for FMLA was not established prior to being converted to a leave of absence status.
Documentation	Medical documentation may be required for absences due to illness.	** Effective October 30, 2006, if an absence due to illness exceeds 6 calendar days, the flight attendant will be required to submit an absence certificate from her/his personal physician, or go to United Medical or a United Medical designee, within 3 calendar days following the sixth day of the absence.	** Effective October 30, 2006, if an absence due to illness exceeds 6 calendar days, the flight attendant will be required to submit an absence certificate from her/his physician, or go to United Medical or a United Medical designee, within 3 calendar days following the sixth day of the absence.