

ARTICLE 31. California Sick Leave

(a) Accrual. Eligible employees covered by this Agreement shall accrue one (1) hour of paid sick leave for every thirty (30) hours worked in California for Producer, up to a maximum of forty-eight (48) hours or six (6) days. (In lieu of the foregoing hourly accrual of paid sick leave, and provided that advance notice is given to the employee, a Producer may elect to provide employees, upon their eligibility to use sick leave as provided below (*i.e.*, upon working thirty (30) days in California for the Producer and after their ninetieth (90th) day of employment in California with the Producer (based on days worked or guaranteed), with a bank of twenty-four (24) hours or three (3) days of sick leave per year, such year to be measured, as designated by the Producer, as either a calendar year or starting from the employee's anniversary date. Under this elected option, such banked sick leave days may not be carried over to the following year.)

(b) To be eligible to accrue paid sick leave, the employee must have worked for the Producer for at least thirty (30) days in California within a one (1) year period, such year to be measured, as designated by the Producer, as either a calendar year or starting from the employee's anniversary date. Sick leave may be used in minimum increments of four (4) hours upon oral or written request after the eligible employee has been employed by the Producer in California for ninety (90) days (based on days worked or guaranteed), such period to be measured, as designated by the Producer, as either a calendar year or starting from the employee's anniversary date. Reasonable advance notification of the need for sick leave is required if the use is foreseeable; otherwise, notice is required as soon as practicable. Sick days accrued on an hourly basis shall carry over to the following year of employment; however, the Producer may limit the use of such accrued time to no more than twenty-four (24) hours or three (3) days during each year of employment as defined by the Employer in advance.

(c) For employees employed on an hourly or daily basis, a day of sick leave pay shall be equal to eight (8) hours' pay at the employee's straight time hourly rate. If a four (4) hour increment of sick leave is taken, the employee shall be paid four (4) hours of pay at his straight time hourly rate. For weekly employees (including "on call" employees), a day of sick leave pay shall be equal to one-fifth of the employee's weekly rate under the studio minimum wage scales or one-sixth of the employee's weekly rate under the distant location minimum wage scales (or fifty percent (50%) thereof for a four (4) hour increment of sick leave taken). Replacements for weekly employees (including "on call" employees) may be hired on a *pro rata* basis of the weekly rate regardless of any contrary provision in this Agreement. The employee shall not be required to find a replacement as a condition of exercising his right to paid sick leave.

(d) Sick leave may be taken for the diagnosis, care or treatment of an existing health condition of, or preventive care for, the employee or the employee's "family member."⁵ Sick leave also may be taken by an employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.

(e) Accrued, unused sick leave is not paid out on termination, resignation or other separation from employment. If an employee is rehired by the Producer within one (1) year of the employee's separation from employment, the employee's accrued and unused sick leave shall be reinstated, and the employee may begin using the accrued sick leave upon rehire if the employee was previously eligible to use the sick leave or once the employee becomes eligible as provided above.

(f) Producer shall include in the employee's start paperwork the contact information for the designated Producer representative whom the employee may contact to confirm eligibility and the amount of accrued sick leave available. Such start paperwork shall also include information with respect to the year period (*i.e.*, calendar year or the employee's anniversary date) that the Producer selected to measure the thirty (30) day and ninety (90) day eligibility periods and the cap on accrual set forth in subparagraph (b) above or, alternatively, if the Producer elected to provide employees with a sick leave bank, the year period (*i.e.*, calendar year or the employee's anniversary date) that the Producer selected for the bank of three (3) sick days as provided in subparagraph (a) above. Producer also shall notify the Local Union office of the name and contact information of the designated Producer representative.

⁵ "Family member" means any of the following: (1) a biological, adopted or foster child, stepchild, legal ward or a child to whom the employee stands *in loco parentis*; (2) a biological, adoptive or foster parent, stepparent or legal guardian of the employee or the employee's spouse or registered domestic partner or a person who stood *in loco parentis* when the employee was a minor child; (3) a spouse; (4) a registered domestic partner; (5) a grandparent; (6) a grandchild; or (7) a sibling.

(g) Any Producer that has a sick leave policy, or paid leave or paid time off policy that permits the use of paid sick time, as of June 30, 2015, may continue such policy in lieu of the foregoing. Nothing shall prevent a Producer from negotiating a sick leave policy with better terms and conditions. There shall be no discrimination or retaliation against any employee for exercising his or her right to use paid sick leave.

(h) Any dispute with respect to sick leave for employees covered under this Agreement shall be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedures provided herein.