

Name of Policy: Absenteeism/tardiness guidelines Policy Number: 3364-25-55 Approving Officer: Executive VP for Finance and Administration & CFO Responsible Agent: Chief Human Resources Officer Scope: Health Science Campus/non-bargaining unit employees		 Effective date: April 30, 2026 Original effective date: August 19, 2011	
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	Major revision of existing policy		Reaffirmation of existing policy

(A) Policy statement

Every employee is a valued health science campus team member. As such, it is expected that employees maintain an acceptable attendance record which includes reporting to work on time.

(B) Purpose of policy

This policy describes timekeeping regulations and responsibilities for hourly-paid employees working on the health science campus ("HSC") who are not subject to a collective bargaining agreement. It establishes uniform guidelines for all units/departments/areas to further the control of absenteeism and reduce excessive operating expenses.

(C) Scope

This policy applies to hourly-paid employees working on HSC and not subject to a collective bargaining agreement.

(D) Definitions:

“Sick Day” is defined to be when an employee is not present for their assigned shift for a period of two hours or more. One point is assessed for such an occurrence that occurs Monday through Friday. Two points are assessed for such an occurrence that occurs on the weekend or holiday. Part-time and full-time employees are treated similarly.

“Early Out” is defined to be when an employee leaves their work assignment for a period of time of less than two hours. One-half point is assessed.

“Lateness/Tardiness” is defined to be when an employee is five minutes or more up to one hour and fifty-nine minutes late for work. It is encouraged that employees call their supervisor to advise them of their late arrival to work.

“Weekend shift” is defined to be 10:59 p.m. on Friday and ends 10:59 p.m. on Sunday of each week.

“Rolling twelve months period” is defined to be the beginning with the most recent occurrence of a sick day or its equivalent and counting twelve consecutive months backwards.

“Shift” is defined as a scheduled contiguous period of work time of four hours or more.

(E) Exclusions:

The university recognizes that there are circumstances/authorized leaves which are not within the scope of absenteeism control and therefore shall be excluded from consideration of this policy. The following circumstances are therefore excluded:

- (1) Approved Family Medical Leave Act leave of absence or approved ADA leave
- (2) Approved non-Family Medical Leave Act leaves of absence
- (3) Injury/workers’ compensation leave
- (4) Administrative leave

- (5) Military leave
- (6) Personal day
- (7) Approved vacation day(s)
- (8) Approved compensatory time

(F) Procedure

Employees who are unable to report to work shall be responsible for directly notifying their immediate supervisor or their designee one hour prior to the beginning of their work shift. Employees are to follow the appropriate departmental procedures for absence notification. Failure to properly report off work or call off late will be addressed through the corrective action process. Corrective action will follow rule 3364-25-111 of the Administrative Code (corrective action (non-collective bargaining unit employees), or as may be amended.

Employees are responsible for following the recordkeeping procedures established by their department.

If management determines that an absence or absences are not valid or there appears to be a pattern of absences or circumstances which suggest abuse, the employee will be directed to provide medical certification justifying the use of sick leave. Failure to provide the certification will result in disciplinary action up to and including termination as determined by the appointing authority.

(G) Corrective action schedule

Sick day levels or equivalents	5	7	9	11	12
Action required	*Coaching	* Level One oral/written warning	* Level Two written warning	* Level Three written warning/pre-discharge	* Level 4 Termination

(H) Termination hearing

Any employee who has reached the termination level of corrective action shall be afforded a hearing before the chief human resources officer (or designee). The purpose of the hearing will be to determine if the points assessed are accurate and to determine if there are any mitigating circumstance which would indicate that the contemplated termination would be inappropriate. A finding of validity and appropriateness will result in the dismissal of the employee. Upon a finding of inaccuracy or inappropriateness, the employee shall be placed at the appropriate level of the corrective action schedule.

Approved by: <u>/s/</u> Matthew Schroeder EVP for Finance and Administration & CFO Date: Review/revision completed by: Chief Human Resources Officer	Policies superseded by this policy: None Original effective date: August 19, 2011 Review/revision date: July 1, 2014 April 10, 2015 October 13, 2016 February 3, 2019 November 18, 2019 October 20, 2023 April 30, 2026 Next review date: April 30, 2029
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