# Section 18 - MARYLAND ADDENDUM

# 18-1. Pregnancy Accommodations

In compliance with Maryland law, if a pregnant employee requests an accommodation for a disability caused or contributed to by pregnancy, Innowave Marketing Group will explore reasonable accommodations with the pregnant employee, and it will endeavor to provide a reasonable accommodation unless doing so would impose an undue hardship on Innowave Marketing Group. Such accommodations may include:

- 1. changing the employee's job duties;
- 2. changing the employee's work hours, relocating the employee's work area;
- 3. providing mechanical or electrical aids;
- 4. transferring the employee to a less strenuous or less hazardous position;
- 5. providing leave.

Innowave Marketing Group may require a certification from the employee's health care provider concerning the medical advisability of a reasonable accommodation to the same extent a certification is required for other temporary disabilities. A certification should include:

- 1. the date the reasonable accommodation became medically advisable;
- 2. the probable duration of the reasonable accommodation; and
- 3. an explanatory statement as to the medical advisability of the reasonable accommodation.

Employees with questions or concerns regarding this policy or who would like to request an accommodation should contact the Employee's Manager.

## 18-2. Paid Time Off

Innowave Marketing Group appreciates how hard employees work and recognizes the importance of providing time for rest and relaxation. Innowave Marketing Group fully encourages employees to get this rest by taking their paid time off. Time off under this policy includes extended time off, such as for a vacation, and incidental time due to sickness or to handle personal affairs.

Full-time employees accrue paid time off as follows:

During the first partial calendar year of employment and the first five (5) full calendar years of employment, full-time employees accrue up to 20 days of paid time off per year. Paid time off is accrued on a pro-rata basis throughout the year.

Thereafter, full-time employees accrue up to 25 days of paid time off per year. Paid time off continues to be accrued on a pro-rata basis throughout the year.

The maximum paid time off entitlement for part-time employees is pro-rated based on hours worked.

Paid time off should be taken during the year received, unless otherwise required by law. Accrued, unused paid time off can be carried over to the following calendar year only if approved by Human Resources hr@innowavemarketing.com.

If employees wish to use three (3) or more full days of paid time off consecutively, they must submit a request to their manager at least two (2) weeks in advance of the requested time off. Similar notice should be provided for planned time off of shorter duration. Every effort will be made to grant requests, consistent with operating schedules. However, if too many people request the same period of time off, Innowave Marketing Group reserves the right to choose who may take time off during that period. Individuals with the longest length of service generally will be given preference.

If employees will be out of work due to illness or due any other emergency for which notice could not be provided, they must call in and notify their supervisor as early as possible, but at least by the start of their workday. If employees call in sick for three (3) or more consecutive days, they may be required to provide their supervisor with a doctor's note on the day they return to work.

Paid time off may be used only in half-day increments.

Up to 10 days of accrued, unused paid time off is paid out upon separation, unless otherwise required by law.

Advanced but unaccrued paid time off will be deducted from an employee's final paycheck, to the extent permitted by law.

#### **18-3. Paid Vacations**

Innowave Marketing Group appreciates how hard employees work and recognizes the importance of providing time for rest and relaxation. Innowave Marketing Group fully encourages employees to get this rest by taking vacation time. Full-time employees accrue paid vacation time as follows:

During the first partial calendar year of employment and the first five (5) full calendar years of employment, full-time employees accrue up to 10 days of vacation per year. Vacation is accrued on a pro-rata basis throughout the year.

Thereafter, full-time employees accrue up to 15 days of vacation per year. Vacation is accrued on a pro-rata basis throughout the year.

The maximum vacation entitlement for part-time employees is pro-rated based on hours worked.

Vacations should be taken during the year accrued, unless otherwise required by law. Accrued, unused vacation time can be carried over to the following calendar year only if approved by Human Resources hr@innowavemarketing.com.

Every effort will be made to grant employees' vacation preference, consistent with the operating schedule. However, if too many people request the same period of time off, Innowave Marketing Group reserves the right to choose who may take vacation during that period. Employees with the longest length of service generally will be given preference. Vacation requests must be submitted to the managers at least two (2) weeks in advance of the requested vacation dates.

Vacation may be used only in full-day increments.

Accrued, unused vacation is paid out upon separation.

Advanced but unaccrued vacation will be deducted from final paychecks, to the extent permitted by law.

#### 18-4. Earned Sick And Safe Leave

## **Eligibility**

Innowave Marketing Group provides paid Earned Sick and Safe Leave (ESSL) to eligible employees who regularly work at least 12 hours per week in Maryland pursuant to the Maryland Healthy Working Families Act. For employees who work in Maryland who are eligible for sick time under the general paid Sick Days policy, this policy applies solely to the extent it provides greater benefits/rights on any specific issue or issues than the general paid Sick Days policy.

#### **Accrual**

Employees begin to accrue ESSL pursuant to this policy on February 11, 2018, or at the start of employment, whichever is later.

Employees begin to accrue ESSL pursuant to this policy at the start of employment. Employees accrue ESSL at a rate of one (1) hour for every 30 hours worked, up to a maximum accrual of 40 hours of paid ESSL per calendar year, and 64 hours of paid ESSL at any time. Employees may not use more than 64 hours of accrued ESSL per calendar year.

Employees will not accrue ESSL during any: 1) two- (2-) week pay period in which the employee worked fewer than 24 hours total; 2) one- (1-) week pay period if the employee worked fewer than a combined total of 24 hours in the current and the immediately preceding pay period; or 3) pay period in which the employee is paid twice a month regardless of the number of weeks in a pay period and the employee worked fewer than 26 hours in the pay period.

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Exempt employees are assumed to work 40 hours in each workweek unless their normal workweek is less than 40 hours, in which case ESSL accrues based upon that normal workweek.

For purposes of this policy, the calendar year is the consecutive 12-month period beginning January 1 and ending on December 31.

# Usage

Employees may begin using ESSL under this policy after the 106th calendar day of employment. Employees may use ESSL in the smallest increment that Innowave Marketing Group's payroll system uses to account for absences or work time, and no employee will be required to take ESSL in an increment of more than four (4) hours. The employee may not use more than 64 hours of accrued ESSL per calendar year.

The Employee may use ESSL under this policy for the following reasons:

- 1. to care for or treat the employee's mental or physical illness, injury or condition or to obtain preventive medical care;
- 2. to care for a family member with a mental or physical illness, injury or condition, or to obtain preventive medical care for a family member;
- 3. for maternity or paternity leave; or
- 4. if the absence from work is due to domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking committed against the employee or the employee's family member and the leave is used either during the time that the employee has temporarily relocated due to domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, or to obtain (for the employee or the employee's family) any of the following:
  - medical or mental health attention that is related to the domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking;
  - services from a victim services organization related to the domestic violence sexual assault or stalking; or
  - legal services or proceedings related to the domestic violence sexual assault or stalking.

For purposes of this policy, family member means: 1) a biological, adopted, foster or stepchild of the employee; a child for whom the employee has legal or physical custody or guardianship; or a child for whom the employee stands in loco parentis, regardless of child's age; 2) a biological, adoptive, foster or stepparent of the employee or the employee's spouse; legal guardian of the employee; or an individual who acted as a parent or stood in loco parentis to the employee or the employee spouse when the employee or the employee's spouse was a minor; 3) spouse of the employee; 4) a biological, adoptive, foster or stepgrandchild of the employee; or 6) a biological, adopted, foster or stepsibling of the employee.

Unless the employee advises otherwise, Innowave Marketing Group will assume, subject to applicable law, that employees want to use available earned sick and safe leave for absences for reasons set forth above, and employees will be paid for such absences to the extent they have ESSL available.

Employees will be notified of available ESSL each time wages are paid.

#### **Notice and Documentation**

To use ESSL, the employee must request leave from Innowave Marketing Group as soon as practicable after determining the need for leave and provide notification of the anticipated duration of the leave. When requesting ESSL that is foreseeable, employees must provide advance notice of seven (7) days before the date the ESSL will begin. When requesting ESSL that is not foreseeable, employees must provide notice as soon as practicable. Failure to provide such notice may result in denial of the employee's request for ESSL if the absence will cause a disruption to Innowave Marketing Group.

Innowave Marketing Group may require the employees to provide verification that the leave was used in accordance with applicable law when they use ESSL:

- for more than two (2) consecutive scheduled shifts; or
- between the first 107th and 120th calendar days of employment and the employee agreed to provide verification at the time of hire.

If the employees fail to provide such verification, Innowave Marketing Group may deny any subsequent request from them to take ESSL for the same reason.

The employee's use of ESSL will not be conditioned upon searching for or finding a replacement worker.

## **Payment**

ESSL under this policy will be calculated based on the employee's wage rate at the time of absence.

# **Carryover and Payout**

The employee may carry over up to 40 hours of accrued, unused ESSL per year under this policy, up to a maximum of 64 hours of paid ESSL at any time. Accrued but unused ESSL under this policy will not be paid at separation. Accrued but unused ESSL under this policy will not be paid at separation.

#### **Enforcement and Retaliation**

Innowave Marketing Group prohibits retaliatory or adverse action against employees who exercise their rights in good faith concerning this policy. Employees have the right to file a complaint with the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, or bring a civil action to enforce an order against Innowave Marketing Group if their rights are restrained.

Employees with questions regarding this policy can contact Human Resources hr@innowavemarketing.com.

#### 18-5. Witness Leave

Employees called to serve as a witness in a judicial proceeding must notify their supervisor as soon as possible.

Employees will not be compensated for time away from work to participate in a court case, but may use available vacation and personal time to cover the period of absence.

Employees attending judicial proceedings in response to a subpoena will not be terminated for their absence.

#### 18-6. Voting Leave

Employees who are eligible and registered to vote in an election and who do not have two (2) consecutive hours before or after work to vote may request up to two (2) hours with pay to vote.

Upon their return to work employees must provide proof of voting on a form prescribed by the State Board.

## 18-7. Personal And Company-Provided Portable Communication Devices

Innowave Marketing Group-provided portable communication devices (PCDs), including cell phones and personal digital assistants, should be used primarily for business purposes. Employees have no reasonable expectation of privacy in regard to the use of such devices, and all use is subject to monitoring, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law. This includes, as permitted, the right to monitor personal communications as necessary.

Some employees may be authorized to use their own PCD for business purposes. These employees should work with the IT department to configure their PCD for business use. Communications sent via a personal PCD also may be subject to monitoring if sent through Innowave Marketing Group's networks and the PCD must be provided for inspection and review upon request.

All conversations, text messages and e-mails must be professional. When sending a text message or using a PCD for business purposes, whether it is a Innowave Marketing Group-provided or personal device, employees must comply with applicable Innowave Marketing Group guidelines, including policies on sexual harassment, discrimination, conduct, confidentiality, equipment use and operation of vehicles. Using a Innowave Marketing Group-issued PCD to send or receive personal text messages is prohibited at all times and personal use during working hours should be limited to emergency situations.

If employees who use a personal PCD for business resign or are discharged, they will be required to submit the device to the IT department for resetting on or before their last day of work. At that time, the IT department will reset and remove all information from the device, including but not limited to, Innowave Marketing Group information and personal data (such as contacts, e-mails and photographs). The IT department will make efforts to provide employees with the personal data in another form (e.g., on a disk) to the extent practicable; however, the employee may lose some or all personal data saved on the device.

Employees may not use their personal PCD for business unless they agree to submit the device to the IT department on or before their last day of work for resetting and removal of Innowave Marketing Group information. This is the only way currently possible to ensure that all Innowave Marketing Group information is removed from the device at the time of termination. The removal of Innowave Marketing Group information is crucial to ensure compliance with Innowave Marketing Group's confidentiality and proprietary information policies and objectives.

Please note that whether employees use their personal PCD or a Innowave Marketing Group-issued device, Innowave Marketing Group's electronic communications policies, including but not limited to, proper use of communications and computer systems, remain in effect.

#### **Portable Communication Device Use While Driving**

Employees who drive on Innowave Marketing Group business must abide by Maryland law, which prohibits PCD (cell phone or personal digital assistant) use while driving. "Use" includes, but is not limited to, talking or listening to another person or sending an electronic or text message via the PCD.

Employees should proceed to a safe location off the road and safely stop the vehicle before placing or accepting a call.

Under no circumstances should employees feel that they need to place themselves at risk to fulfill business needs.

Since this policy does not require any employee to use a cell phone while driving, employees who are charged with traffic violations resulting from the use of their PCDs while driving will be solely responsible for all liabilities that result from such actions.

## 18-8. Operation Of Vehicles

All employees authorized to drive Innowave Marketing Group-owned or leased vehicles or personal vehicles in conducting Innowave Marketing Group business must possess a current, valid driver's license and an acceptable driving record. Any change in license status or driving record must be reported to management immediately.

Employees must have a valid driver's license in their possession while operating a vehicle off or on Innowave Marketing Group property. It is the responsibility of every employee to drive safely and obey all traffic, vehicle safety, and parking laws or regulations. Drivers must demonstrate safe driving habits at all times.

Innowave Marketing Group-owned or leased vehicles may be used only as authorized by management.

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