



Department Of Health



The availability of paid leave from work for select cancer screenings alleviates a significant barrier and is intended to increase screening rates.

Paid leave for select cancer screenings are not charged against sick or vacation to support employees in obtaining screenings. Early detection is best practice. Eligible employees may receive up to four hours of paid leave for colorectal, breast and/or prostate cancer screenings each calendar year.

To access this benefit an employee must enter the leave into the substitute system in advance as sick leave. The leave time will initially be deducted from an employee's leave allocation. Upon submission of a physician's note confirming a screening identified above up to a half day of leave will be returned to the employee's accruals.

https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/cancer/educational.../paid_leave_a_benefit.pdf