



# Department Of Health



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

Paid leave for 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 per cancer screening 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 district receipt of a physician's note confirming a cancer screening, up to a half day of leave will be returned to the employee's accruals.

[https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/cancer/educational\\_materials/docs/paid\\_leave\\_a\\_benefit.pdf](https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/cancer/educational_materials/docs/paid_leave_a_benefit.pdf)