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MEDICAL SEPARATION

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Medical separation is a separation from employment when an Academic Researcher is unable to perform the essential assigned functions of the Academic Researcher's position, with or without reasonable accommodation, due to a disability. Except by mutual consent, an Academic Researcher shall not be medically separated under this Article while on any approved leave.
2. Except as provided in A.3. below, a medical separation shall be based on:
 - a. a statement describing the essential functions the Academic Researcher is unable to perform and a written review by the location's disability manager or appropriate University representative, determining that no reasonable accommodation exists without causing undue hardship to the University; and,
 - b. any pertinent medical information provided by the Academic Researcher's licensed health care provider and/or the University's health care provider.
3. A medical separation may also be based on the Academic Researcher's receipt or notice of approval for disability payments from a retirement system to which the University contributes, such as UCRS or PERS and a written review by the location's disability manager or other appropriate representative that the interactive process was conducted.

B. MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION

When requested by the University, the Academic Researcher is responsible for providing the location's disability manager or other appropriate University representative with medical documentation regarding the Academic Researcher's disability and how it limits the Academic Researcher's ability to perform the essential functions of the job. The University may require that a University-appointed licensed healthcare provider examine the Academic Researcher and/or confirm the documentation provided by the Academic Researcher. In such a case, the University will pay the costs of the University-appointed health care provider.

C. NOTICE OF INTENT TO MEDICALLY SEPARATE

When the University intends to medically separate an Academic Researcher, the Academic Researcher shall be given written notice of the intent to separate for medical reasons.

The notice shall:

1. be given to the Academic Researcher either by delivery of the notice to the Academic Researcher in person, or by mail with Proof of Service;
2. state the reason for the medical separation, including:
 - a. a description of the essential functions of the position that the Academic Researcher is unable to perform, with or without reasonable accommodation, due to their disability or medical condition; and
 - b. provide an explanation of why the Academic Researcher cannot be reasonably accommodated, including where applicable, whether reasonable accommodations were attempted and failed;
3. include copies of pertinent material considered; and
4. state that the Academic Researcher or their representative has the right to respond to the notice of intent, either orally or in writing, and to whom, within ten (10) calendar days from the date of issuance of such notice; and
5. state the proposed effective date of the action, which shall be no earlier than fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of this notice.

D. NOTICE OF MEDICAL SEPARATION

If the University determines that a medical separation is appropriate and that no reasonable accommodation can be made, the Academic Researcher will be given written notice of the medical separation. The notice shall:

1. specify the effective date of the medical separation; and
2. state the reasons for the medical separation;

E. GRIEVABILITY/ARBITRABILITY

1. Only alleged violations of Section C. are grievable and arbitrable. The decision to medically separate an Academic Researcher is not grievable.