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National Weather Service Employees Organization

NWSEO Member Ashley Allen Needs Medical Leave Donations You Can Help with the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

(December 21, 2016) Ashley Allen, a Met Intern at the Green Bay Weather Forecast Office and NWSEO member, is in need of medical leave donations as she recovers from surgery required to remedy devastating side-effects of cancer treatments.

When Ashley was 16, she was diagnosed with cancer. She underwent three years of treatment and has been cancer-free since 2005. Unfortunately, cancer treatments can cause nasty side effects. After the treatments, Ashley developed a condition called avascular necrosis: a situation where the blood vessels to your bones die and the bone breaks down. Ashley's condition advanced significantly before her doctors discovered it.

Unfortunately, there is no reversing the bone deterioration. Ashley's deterioration exists in her hips, knees, elbows, and shoulders (all at varying stages). Last fall, she had one hip replaced. In May, Ashley had a left total shoulder replacement. Now, in order to save her elbows from further damage and to save her right shoulder from total collapse, she needs multiple major surgeries immediately. Due to previous surgeries, numerous doctor visits, and chronic pain- Ashley does not have enough leave available to cover her time in recovery through two surgeries. Any leave that you can donate will be greatly appreciated.

NWSEO Members have always been generous with annual leave donations for co-workers in need. If you are interested in donating leave for Ashley Allen, you may complete the 630A Form at this link:

http://www.opm.gov/Forms/pdf_fill/opm630a.pdf

Please make sure the form is signed by you and Ashley Allen is named as the recipient when you submit it to your ASA.

Here are a few facts about donated medical leave and the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program that you might find beneficial if you are considering donating leave or if you are in need of donated leave time:

OPM regulates that only annual leave may be donated. You cannot donate sick leave. Leave donors can specify a member of the Leave Donor Program whom they'd like to receive their donated leave time by completing form complete form [OPM-630A](#).

Any leave that is not used is returned back to the donor.

A person does not have to wait until their leave is exhausted before applying to be a recipient of the Leave Transfer Program. They must present medical documentation showing they anticipate that they will be on unpaid status for at least 24 hours.

Before a person can accept any donated leave, they must complete the required paperwork, have it processed, and receive notification that they are accepted as a recipient of the Leave Transfer Program. It can take two weeks to process the paperwork, so applicants should apply as soon as they realize the condition is expected to exhaust their leave.

Department of Commerce leave rules come straight from OPM. There are no agency specific rules.

If you would like to learn more about the Leave Transfer Program, including a full list of participants, visit: http://www.wfm.noaa.gov/payroll/leavedonor_info.html

If you know of an NWSEO member in need of a medical leave donation and would like us to inform members on the NWSEO.org website, please have them contact NWSEO at mediarelations@nwseo.org.

NWSEO thanks you for your generosity and care!

For additional information, please visit:

http://hr.commerce.gov/Practitioners/CompensationAndLeave/DEV01_006149

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