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Sincerely,

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Circumstances can arise when an employee needs to take time off work but has no available paid leave time, and the employer may want to allow the employee to miss work but the employer does not want to grant paid leave during the absence. In these instances, the employer may want to adopt a policy providing for administrative leave without pay. During leave without pay, the employee normally would not accrue sick leave, vacation or other benefits. A limit should be placed on the length of time that an employee could be absent from work under this type of leave. This type of leave is not required by law. If it is used, however, it should be granted in a non-discriminatory manner.

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