

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Catastrophic Illness Programs]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to authorize the Department of Public Health to designate another City department to carry out various functions in the administration of the Catastrophic Illness Program for City employees and the Catastrophic Illness Program for family members of City employees.

Existing Law

The City's Catastrophic Illness Program allows catastrophically ill City employees who are unable to work to continue to be paid through donations of sick leave and vacation hours from other City employees. The separate Catastrophic Illness Program for Family Members similarly allows City employees caring for catastrophically ill family members to be paid through donations of sick leave and vacation hours from other City employees. Both programs are administered by the Department of Public Health. Under existing law, the Department of Public Health may delegate some but not all responsibilities for the administration of the programs to another City department, such as the Department of Human Resources.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would allow the Department of Public Health to delegate responsibility for administering any part of the Catastrophic Illness Program or the Catastrophic Illness Program for Family Members to another City department. The Director of Public Health and the Health Commission would retain the non-delegable responsibility to consider appeals from employees whose applications to participate in the programs have been denied by the City.

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