## PAID SICK LEAVE NOTICE OF EMPLOYEES RIGHTS

**ACCURAL:** Employees accrue one hour of earned sick leave for every thirty hours worked, starting their first day of work. Up to 64 hours of unused earned sick leave can carry over year-to-year.

**USE OF PAID SICK LEAVE**: Employees may use up to 64 hours of earned sick leave per twelvemonth period, if they work enough hours. Individual employers may set a higher limit. Employers may select when the 12-month period begins.

**REASONS FOR USE OF SICK LEAVE:** Employees may use accrued sick leave for the following reasons:

- Employee's treatment or diagnosis of illness, injury, or health condition, or preventative medical care.
- Care of employee's family members for treatment or diagnosis of illness, injury, or health condition, or preventative medical care.
- Meetings related to employee's child's health or disability.
- Absence necessary because of and related to domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking suffered by the employee or their family member.

**REASONALBE DOCUMENTATION:** An employer may require reasonable documentation verifying the sick leave was used for a covered purpose if the employee uses two or more consecutive workdays of sick leave. Employers must treat all information obtained related to an employee taking sick leave as confidential

**NOTICE:** An employer must give written or electronic notice of employee rights and the Act's terms and provisions to an employee at the start of employment. This notice must be in English, Spanish, or any language that is the first language spoken by at least ten percent of the employer's workforce, as requested by the employee.

COMPLAINT PROCESS: The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, Labor Relations Division, enforces the Act. Any employee aggrieved by a violation of the Act may file a complaint with the Labor Relations Division by calling (505) 841-4400, visiting www.dws.state.nm.us, or going to a New Mexico Workforce Connections Office.