3.7 **Extended Sick Leave**

3.7.1 A unit member whose sick leave, including both current and accrued, has been exhausted, and, where the total of such sick leave used in a given fiscal year is less than one hundred (100) working days, shall for an extended illness be compensated at, fifty percent (50%) of his/her regular daily rate of pay for the balance of one hundred (100) days.

3.7.2 A unit member shall be required to present a doctor's statement stating the nature of the illness or injury and the date the employee is able to return to full time service to qualify for this extended leave benefit.