

## **Policy Purpose**

This policy provides a benefit for full-time employees and their families to promote physical fitness and healthy lifestyles.

## I. General

This policy provides an option for full-time employees to cash out accrued vacation hours and use those funds to reimburse their cost of an annual fitness membership up to a maximum of \$500 (after taxes) once per 12 month period.

- a. Employees must have completed their probationary period (if applicable) to use this program.
- b. Employees may request reimbursement by completing the <u>fitness reimbursement request form</u> and returning it to human resources with a copy of the fitness membership receipt and contract.
- c. Supervisor approval is required in order to participate in this program and for approval of alternate schedules (see below).
- d. Upon human resources approval, employee's vacation hours will be reduced by the number of hours to cover the amount of fitness reimbursement plus the required applicable payroll taxes.

## II. Covered Memberships

- a. Employees may be reimbursed for annual memberships to fitness facilities and recreation centers. This also includes annual memberships for personal training and nutritional counseling.
- b. Employees will not be reimbursed for the purchase of exercise equipment or devices.

## III. Alternative Schedules

- a. Employees may alter their work schedule by combining two 15 minute breaks along with their lunch period (for a total of 90 minutes) to participate in a fitness activity.
- b. Employees should request written approval from their supervisor for any alternative work schedules necessary for the purpose of participating in a fitness activity. These requests can be submitted through the <u>Altered Work Schedule</u> process. These altered work schedules should be reviewed annually.

Current References: Fitness Reimbursement Request Form

Approved and passed this 31st date of December, 2016