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I. <u>POLICY</u>:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 4A:6-1-1(a), Cumberland County Government shall provide for a leave of absence without pay program for a period not to exceed one year.

II. DEFINITIONS: NONE

III. <u>PROCEDURE</u>:

- A. A permanent employee may apply for a leave of absence without pay when:
 - 1. Mentally or physically incapacitated and unable to perform duties.
 - 2. There is a desire to engage in a course of study that will increase his/her skills within the department.
 - 3. The department head and the appointing authority consider the reason to be valid.
- B. Leaves of absences may be granted for a period of time not to exceed six (6) months which may be extended an additional six (6) months with the approval of the department head and the appointing authority.
- C. Employees shall submit a written request for a leave of absence without pay to the department head stating:
 - 1. The reason for the request
 - 2. The date leave would start and end should it be approved
- D. If the leave is approved, department heads shall forward a CAMPS form indicating action to be taken, with a copy of the employees leave of absence request to the County Department of Personnel & Human Resources.

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- E. Benefits determined by length of service shall not accrue during the unpaid leave of absence except during a military leave of absence.
- F. A leave of absence without pay shall not disqualify an applicant for a promotional examination.
- G. Employees returning from a leave of absence without pay shall report to the County Personnel Office to sign required paperwork. Employees who do not report to the Personnel Office prior to Monday of a non-pay week will not receive a paycheck the following week.