



Help state-employed coworkers through Catastrophic Leave donations

CAPT got the concept of Catastrophic Leave off the ground two decades ago; the program's been in our state Bargaining Unit 18 contract since 1989.

Article 6.9 of the CAPT contract gives state-employed Psych Techs and related professionals the right to request leave donations from coworkers in cases of financial hardship due to injury or the prolonged illness of the state Bargaining Unit 18 member or his or her family member, or for parental or adoption leave purposes.

You can help by donating vacation, annual leave, personal leave, CTO and holiday credits. Simply contact your personnel office to fill out a Catastrophic Leave donation form. And don't forget: You can donate to state employees who work in different departments or facilities.

If you need help and have received department approval to get leave donations, contact CAPT to be included in our publications. You also may qualify for reduced union dues while you recuperate. Contact your chapter president to find out more.

Those requesting donations on our online and magazine lists will automatically be removed by the next *Outreach* publication date unless CAPT is informed of ongoing needs. If you still need to remain on our lists -- no problem! Just call Christine Caro at **(800) 677-2278**.

