

Article 33 - Extended Sick Bank

Extended Sick Bank (ESB) is sick time accrued by bargaining unit employees for illness, established prior to the implementation of Combined Time Off (CTO) programs by the founding organizations. No new accounts will be created or additional accruals added to current ESB accounts. All full-time and part-time bargaining unit employees who have ESB hours are eligible to use them in the following circumstances:

1. When a bargaining unit employee has an absence due to an illness, ESB hours can be used to supplement a bargaining unit employee's worked hours so that the total paid hours in any pay period are equal to her/his authorized hours' salary without using CTO hours.
2. To supplement time not covered by short-term disability (STD) or to supplement reduced wages while on STD, or while an application for long-term disability (LTD) is pending approval, to bring total pay to authorized hours. Upon approval of LTD, the CTO used while pending LTD will be offset by any benefits forthcoming from the Insurance Company.
3. Bargaining unit employees in a benefits eligible status who change to a non-benefits eligible status will retain their ESB hours while in this ineligible status. However, these hours may only be used after the bargaining unit employee has returned to a benefits eligible status.
4. At termination there is no payout for remaining hours. ESB hours are not reinstated even if rehire occurs within the year.