

COMPLIANCE ALERT

New York Paid Family Leave Rate Change Set for 2026

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Action Required:

- Plan sponsors should communicate the upcoming rate change to employees and ensure that the deduction amount for premium contributions is updated.
- Your Corporate Synergies Account Manager can assist you with this.

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In 2026, employees will be entitled to up to 12 weeks of leave at 67% of their average weekly wage, capped at \$1,228.53 per week, or 67% of the NYSAWW. This is \$51.21 more than the maximum weekly benefit for 2025. The duration of the leave benefit (12 weeks) will remain the same as for 2025.

What Does This Mean to You as an Employer?

Premiums should be withheld from an employee’s gross wages until the annual contribution cap is reached, and if this occurs prior to the end of the calendar year, then the employee is not responsible for making any additional contributions for the remainder of the calendar year. ■

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What are the Reasons to Take New York Paid Family Leave?

Eligible employees are entitled to paid leave from work for:

- Providing care, including physical or psychological care, to their family members due to a family member’s serious health condition;
- Bonding with their newborn children during the first year of the child’s life, or in the case of adoption or foster care placement, for the first year after the placement of a child with the employee; and
- Any qualifying reason provided for under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act arising from the employee’s child, parent, spouse, or domestic partner being on active military duty, or being notified of an impending call or order to active military duty.

What Do Employers Need to Do Now to be Prepared for the Rate Change and other Changes?

Employers should do the following to be prepared for next year’s premium rate change:

- If your organization collects contributions from payroll deductions, ensure that the deduction amount for the premium contributions will be updated—specifically, you should begin working with your insurance carrier, payroll provider and other vendors now to make sure that they will be updating their internal systems to reflect this change;
- Check with your organization’s insurance carrier to make sure that it is following the required process with the state of New York to update their policy forms to reflect the premium rate change and benefit improvements;
- Communicate the upcoming change in deduction amounts to employees; and
- Review your insurance, benefits, leave of absence, paid time off and other relevant policies now to ensure that they remain compliant with the updated contribution structure and benefit improvements for 2026.

Please contact your CSG Account Manager if you have any questions about this change. ■

**If you have any additional questions,
please call your Corporate Synergies
Account Manager or 866.CSG.1719.**