Family Medical Leave (FML) and STD leave process

	Intake process	Within days of request	Upon decision	Ongoing management
C Employee	 Employee calls NYL GBS Intake Center to request leave or submits leave request on myNYLGBS and completes authorization. Employee receives real-time eligibility determination for leave (FMLA) and receives Employee Assistance Program (EAP) referral to help manage work-life balance, as appropriate. 	 Employee receives their acknowledgment packet with FMLA rights and responsibilities. Employee is contacted by their NYL GBS absence manager if additional medical and/or eligibility information is needed and a decision cannot be made within five days from receipt. Employees can view a complete timeline of benefit coverage and get status of medical requests on <u>myNYLGBS</u>. 	Upon approval, ongoing treatment and/or an estimated return-to-work (RTW) date is established and information about payments, ongoing claim expectations and RTW support are communicated. If claim is denied, employee receives call from their absence manager explaining decision.	 Flexible communication options (text, click-to-chat, email & call) are available to share and receive ongoing updates. Employees can use <u>myNYLGBS</u> to obtain status, communications, forms and take actions such as report RTW dates or request extensions. For an extension, supporting documentation may be needed. For RTW, employee is guided to coordinate with their employer.
NYL GBS team	Claim intake is received, set up in the system, and assigned to an absence manager . Complex claims may be referred to a nurse case manager.*	Absence manager confirms eligibility and reviews available information to make a claim decision. If more information is needed, absence manager contacts employee, attending provider and/or employer for any missing medical or eligibility information.	 If medical records are needed, the absence manager makes attempts to obtain medical before engaging the employee. Absence manager may consult expert resources, as needed, to make a decision.* Upon approval, communication is sent to employee and a plan is set for the next medical milestone or estimated RTW. If claim is denied, absence manager calls the employee to explain the decision. 	Absence manager will continue to work with employee, attending provider and/or employer to obtain information to support a continued disability or RTW date. Absence manager will continue to engage expert resources, as needed.* Upon RTW, extension or claim closure, all reports are updated and communications are sent to employee.
Employer	Employer receives integrated, real-time email notification that employee requested absence event. Employer can also report an absence on behalf of the employee.	Employer is contacted by the claim manager if additional information is needed.	Employer receives real-time notification of determination and can access the portal for claim details.	Upon RTW or claim closure, claim status reports are updated. If claim is extended, employer is notified of updated estimated RTW date.



*Expert resources (clinicians or vocational rehabilitation counselors) are engaged if: employee does not plan to RTW before duration guideline, medical information does not appear to support restrictions/limitations, there is lack of medical information obtained, claim is trending toward LTD, multiple claims exists, clarification of restrictions/limitations is needed or medical notes are unclear Note: This chart is for illustrated purposes only.