## Family Medical Leave (FML) and STD leave process

	Intake process	Within days of request	Upon decision	Ongoing management
C Employee	<ul> <li>Employee calls NYL GBS Intake Center to request leave or submits leave request on myNYLGBS and completes authorization.</li> <li>Employee receives real-time eligibility determination for leave (FMLA) and receives Employee Assistance Program (EAP) referral to help manage work-life balance, as appropriate.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Employee receives their acknowledgment packet with FMLA rights and responsibilities.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Employees can view a complete timeline of benefit coverage and get status of medical requests on <u>myNYLGBS</u>.</li> </ul>	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, <b>employee</b> receives call from their absence manager explaining decision.	<ul> <li>Flexible communication options (text, click-to-chat, email &amp; call) are available to share and receive ongoing updates.</li> <li><b>Employees</b> can use <u>myNYLGBS</u> to obtain status, communications, forms and take actions such as report RTW dates or request extensions.</li> <li>For an extension, supporting documentation may be needed.</li> <li>For RTW, employee is guided to coordinate with their employer.</li> </ul>
NYL GBS team	Claim intake is received, set up in the system, and assigned to an <b>absence manager</b> . 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.	<ul> <li>If medical records are needed, the <b>absence</b> <b>manager</b> makes attempts to obtain medical before engaging the employee. Absence manager may consult expert resources, as needed, to make a decision.*</li> <li>Upon approval, communication is sent to employee and a plan is set for the next medical milestone or estimated RTW.</li> <li>If claim is denied, absence manager calls the employee to explain the decision.</li> </ul>	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	<b>Employer</b> receives integrated, real-time email notification that employee requested absence event. <b>Employer</b> can also report an absence on behalf of the employee.	<b>Employer</b> is contacted by the claim manager if additional information is needed.	<b>Employer</b> 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, <b>employer</b> 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.