



CSX Transportation
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Dear Colleague:

Effective April 1, 2017, a new attendance policy will go into effect for all Mechanical employees. This policy also known as the CSXT Attendance Point System (APS) supersedes all prior policies and practices relating to the handling of Mechanical attendance and absenteeism occurrences.

As you may be aware, this change has been in the works for many months to address Mechanical employees' concerns regarding attendance expectations. Specifically, you and your colleagues expressed a desire in our Voice of the Employee focus groups for more objective and consistent attendance handling. This new policy is a direct response to your input.

The APS replaces the current attendance policy with a uniformly applied points-based system, where employees can manage their attendance proactively. Through a clear set of guidelines, the policy provides employees with better control over their attendance, allows them to mitigate potential ramifications caused by missing work and enables them to avoid potential discipline caused by point accumulation through good attendance.

To help employees manage their attendance, the company has designed an online tool, accessible through the CSX Employee Gateway, where employees can view their point total and discipline history, as well as track the assessment/reduction of points under the policy. For a comprehensive overview of the APS, as well as instructions on how to access the online attendance tracking tool, please review the attached policy and instructional document. In the event that you have questions after reviewing the policy, you are encouraged to contact your supervisor.

We are confident this new policy will address your concerns and support a positive, productive and rewarding work experience for everyone. Thank you for all you do to help our company serve customers and grow the business.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brian Barr'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brian Barr

VP Mechanical

CSXT Mechanical Attendance Point System (APS)

This policy, which is effective April 1, 2017, supersedes all prior policies and practices relating to the handling of Mechanical attendance and absenteeism occurrences, including those previously handled under the CSX *Transportation Absenteeism Policy for Mechanical Employees*.

CSXT views this attendance point system as a reasonable and objective means to assist employees in understanding their attendance obligations and the potential consequences of the failure to meet these obligations. The policy provides employees with attendance issues an opportunity to improve their records through regular and steady attendance, as well as providing a reasonable and objective basis for the imposition of discipline for instances of non-attendance. *APS* is not intended as a punitive measure for those employees with chronic illness nor is it intended to significantly impact employees whose attendance is normally consistent but is temporarily affected by special circumstances.

1. **Assessment of Points**

- a) Subject to the Attendance Point Schedule below, employees will be assessed points for various incidents of non-attendance, including both full and/or partial day absences.
- b) Points will accumulate and will result in handling each time the point total is equal to or greater than twenty (20).
- c) Each employee will have electronic access to his/her attendance record via Employee Gateway. Any assessment or deduction in points will be reflected in this record.

ATTENDANCE POINT SCHEDULE		
Attendance Incident	Corresponding Time Codes (Examples)	Point Value (Per Day)
Absent w/o permission	WTP/FTP/FTR/OMC	10
Absent with Permission	AWP/PNP	4
Sick – No Pay / Sick in Family - No Documentation	SIC / SNP / SIF	4
Sick - <u>with</u> valid medical documentation*	SNP / SIF	2
Late / Leave Early / Late – Sent Home	LDK / LED / LNP	2
Hospitalization or Emergency Treatment – with valid medical documentation		0
<p>*Employees must submit the required documentation from a doctor supporting the entire period of absence as provided by the Medical Review Process in Section 3 below. Employees will not be assessed any points under this policy for absences due to an approved leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act and/or a work-related illness or injury supported by a valid doctor's note submitted to the Medical Department.</p>		

2. Good Attendance Credit

- a) **Three (3) points** will be deducted from an employee's accumulated point total for every calendar month in which the employee has no attendance incidents covered under the Attendance Point Schedule above and has not otherwise been absent during the calendar month for any reason, with the exception of approved vacation, personal leave, jury duty, work-related illness or injury with valid doctor's note and bereavement leave days.
- b) An employee's point total cannot be less than zero (0).

3. Medical Review Process

- a) Employees who are absent and choose to submit valid medical documentation to the Medical Department supporting the mark off must do so within three (3) calendar days from the last day of the medical absence. The CSX Medical Department will review the medical documentation and assess the circumstances on the individual merits. Following this review, the Medical Department will advise FACTS as to whether the absence was due to hospitalization or emergency medical treatment in which case no points will be assessed and the absence excused under existing standards. If not, the CSX Medical Department will advise FACTS as to the gravity of the illness so that FACTS may assess the appropriate points under this policy.
- b) Timely submission of information will not, in and of itself, excuse the absence. Except in extraordinary circumstances, information submitted outside the three (3) calendar-day period will not be reviewed by the CSX Medical Department for attendance handling purposes, and the absence will be subject to handling under this policy. The information may, however, be referred by the CSX Medical Department and/or to the CSX FMLA center as appropriate.
- c) Employees who choose to submit medical documentation to support their absence should, at a minimum, include the following information from the treating health care provider:
 - (i) Employee name (first, middle initial and last). If the absence is for a family member's hospitalization or emergency treatment, the family member's name (first, middle initial, last) and relationship to employee;
 - (ii) Date of onset of injury/illness;
 - (iii) Date(s) of examination/consultation/treatment for the particular illness/injury;
 - (iv) Non-Emergency/Non-Hospitalization Medical Issues (Employee): If the absence is for the employee's personal medical needs but is not a medical emergency or for hospitalization, sufficient information from the treating healthcare provider to support that the absence is related to a medical issue;
 - (v) Emergency/Hospitalization (Employee or Family Member): If the absence is for the employee's or a family member's medical emergency or hospitalization, sufficient medical information from the treating healthcare provider to help CSX determine whether such absence should be excused from any point assessment under this policy.** Sufficient medical information may include documentation from the healthcare provider that the employee was admitted to the hospital or information identifying the nature of the medical emergency. While the nature of the medical information disclosed is at the discretion of the employee and healthcare provider, CSXT must receive sufficient information for the Medical Department to determine whether the absence qualifies as a medical emergency/hospitalization.
 - (vi) Health care provider's name, address and telephone number (must be on official office letterhead or other printed form containing the same information); and
 - (vii) Health care provider's signature.

Employees who choose to submit medical documentation are responsible for ensuring that it contains the above information. Failure to provide complete documentation may result in the accumulation of additional points under this policy. All medical documentation can be sent to a secure CSX Medical Department fax at 904-245-3238 or via email to Mechworkexcuse@csx.com.

- d) When submitting documentation to the CSX Medical Department for review, employees must also provide the following identifying information:
 - (i) Employee ID number;
 - (ii) Division/subdivision; and
 - (iii) Employee telephone number
- e) The CSX Medical Department reserves the right to seek additional and/or clarifying information from the employee or from the employee's health care provider with the employee's consent. If the employee either refuses to provide additional and/or clarifying information or does not provide consent for the CSX Medical Department to talk to the employee's health care provider, the information submitted will be deemed insufficient to excuse the absence(s) from attendance handling, and the absence may be subject to handling as an attendance infraction.

Medical emergencies/hospitalization/out-patient surgery/invasive procedures

Employees returning to work following treatment for a significant illness or injury requiring hospitalization or surgical intervention must submit an MD-3 completed by the health care provider to the CSX Medical Department and be cleared by the CSX Medical Department to return to service. Such employees may be required to submit additional treatment information at the discretion of the CSX Medical Department to determine fitness for duty.

Absences spanning seven or more consecutive work days

Employees returning to work after an absence spanning seven or more consecutive work days and employees returning to work after an absence due to any medical condition that may impact performance or safety on the job must submit an MD-3 completed by the health care provider to the CSX Medical Department. Such employees may be required to submit additional treatment information at the discretion of CSX Medical Department to determine fitness for duty.

4. Attendance Handling Schedule

- a) An employee who accumulates at least twenty (20) points will be subject to progressive handling **each time** his/her point total reaches twenty (20) or more points, in accordance with the following schedule:

ATTENDANCE HANDLING SCHEDULE		
Step	Accumulated Points	Handling
1	≥20	Counseling Letter 1
2	≥20	Counseling Letter 2
3	≥20	Formal Reprimand (Subject to CBA Discipline Procedures)
4	>20*	Dismissal (Subject to CBA Discipline Procedures)
<p>*For purposes of dismissal only, the twenty (20) point total will be increased two (2) points for each five (5) years of service. For instance, a twenty (20) year employee will be subject to dismissal upon accumulation of 28 points, following assessment of discipline at Step 3.</p>		

- b) Following handling at each of the steps above, including written counseling letters, ten (10) points will be deducted from the employee's point total. For example, if an employee accumulates 22 points and is handled at Step 1 (Counseling Letter 1), the employee's new point total will be reset to 12 points (22 minus 10). The next time the employee reaches the 20 point threshold, he/she will be subject to handling at Step 2, and the process will be repeated.
- c) If no additional progression occurs within three (3) years from last progression, employee will be reset to the beginning of the attendance handling schedule for progression purposes. For example, an employee that is currently at a Step 2 on 2/1/2015 and does not progress to a Step 3 by exceeding the threshold within the three (3) year period ending on 2/2/2018 will be reset back to the beginning of the attendance handling schedule. Please note, current points do not reset, only the step level will be reset.
- d) The APS is not intended to preclude legally protected leaves such as FMLA or other excused absences which are properly certified and/or documented, including bereavement leaves, paid personal days or leaves of absence under any applicable collective bargaining agreements, absences caused by work-related illness or injury, jury duty, military leaves or union business. However this does not necessarily entitle an employee to the reduction in points referenced in Section 2(a) above.

Employees who are seeking to be absent as part of a request for a reasonable job accommodation should follow the CSX Job Accommodation Process, which includes making a request for a reasonable job accommodation prior to the absence (unless extraordinary circumstances exist) through CSX's Medical Department. CSXT reserves the right to assess points under this policy for any absences accumulated by an employee that were not approved as a job accommodation, unless otherwise prohibited by law.

Following is a link to the Job Accommodation Process on the CSX Employee Gateway:
<https://csxgateway.csx.com/tlh/forms/Forms%20Documents/Medical%20Forms/Job%20Accommodation%20Request%20Form.pdf>

5. Initial Point Assessment/Placement in Attendance Handling Process

- a) Effective March 31, 2017, each employee subject to this policy will start with zero (0) points and his/her employee record under the *CSX Transportation Absenteeism Policy for Mechanical Employees* – will be converted as indicated below:
- i. **Current Level: Attendance Review** – Employee will begin with no step under APS and will be subject to handling at “Step 1 – Counseling Letter 1” whenever his/her point total reaches 20.
 - ii. **Current Level: Incident Review/Counseling**– Employee will begin with no step under APS and will be subject to handling at “Step 1 – Counseling Letter 1” whenever his/her point total reaches 20.
 - iii. **Current Level: Discipline at Step 1** – Employee’s record will be set at “Step 1 – Counseling Letter 1” under APS and will be subject to handling at “Step 2 – Counseling Letter 2” whenever his/her point total reaches 20.
 - iv. **Current Level: Discipline at Step 2** – Employee’s record will be set at “Step 1 – Counseling Letter 1” under APS and will be subject to handling at “Step 2 – Counseling Letter 2” whenever his/her point total reaches 20.
 - v. **Current Level: Step 3 and beyond** – Employee’s record will be set at “Step 3 – Formal Reprimand” under APS and will be subject to handling at “Step 4 – Dismissal” whenever his/her point total reaches 20 or higher, dependent on the employee’s length of service.

***The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA) prohibits employers and other entities covered by GINA from requesting or requiring genetic information of an individual or family member of the individual, except as specifically allowed by this law. To comply with this law, we are asking that you not provide any genetic information when responding to this request for medical information. “Genetic information,” as defined by GINA, includes an individual’s family medical history, the results of an individual’s or family member’s genetic tests, the fact that an individual or an individual’s family member sought or received genetic services, and genetic information of a fetus carried by an individual or an individual’s family member or an embryo lawfully held by an individual or family member receiving assistive reproductive services.*