

Employees in Colorado (CO) may be eligible for Paid Family and Medical Leave, which provides income during qualifying life events that require you to miss work. Employers in CO are required by law to provide this benefit to you, and your employer has chosen to provide these benefits through Arch Insurance Company.

Employee FAQs

What is Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance (FAMLI)?

FAMLI coverage ensures that qualified employees have up to 12 weeks paid leave for medical or family reasons, with up to an additional 4 weeks for maternity/pregnancy complications. The most common reasons are for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. For a full list of reasons, please refer to the section below.

Who is eligible for CO FAMLI benefits?

Individuals are eligible for FAMLI benefits if they are:

- Employees working for a CO business or a local government agency that has opted into the state program.
- Self-employed individuals who agree to pay premiums and report at least three years of income.

Before applying for benefits, workers must have earned at least \$2,500 during the last 4 completed calendar quarters.

When can I use CO FAMLI?

FAMLI can be used for:

- Care for a sick family member
- Bond with a child after adoption or foster care placement
- Bond with a newborn child
- Make arrangements for a family member's military deployments
- Safe leave

Paid Family Leave is used to take time away from work when you need to care for a family member.

Paid Medical Leave may be taken to manage a personal serious health condition.

What are my benefits under CO FAMLI?

Unless otherwise noted, benefits will be available upon the effective date of the policy:

12-week benefits

- Care for a family member due to a serious health condition
- Bond with a child (newborn, adoption or foster)
- Military exigency
- Own serious health condition
- Safe leave

Maximum benefits

Benefits are paid at a rate up to 90% of the employee's average weekly wage with lower wage earners receiving a higher percentage. Benefits are calculated on a sliding scale using the individual's average weekly wage from the prior five calendar quarters in relation to the average weekly wage in CO and may increase over time.

16-week benefits

- Up to an additional 4 weeks may be taken for pregnancy/childbirth complications, for a total of 16 weeks.

Maximum Limit

- The maximum time an employee can take between medical and family leave is 12 weeks in a rolling 12 month period, or 16 weeks if related to pregnancy/childbirth complications.

Is there a waiting period?

There is no waiting period. Employees may choose to use sick leave or other employer-provided paid time off before using FAMLI benefits, but they are not required to do so.

Benefit Calculations

Benefits are paid at 90% of the employee's wages up to 50% of the state's average weekly wage. Earnings greater than 50% of the state's average weekly wage will be paid at 50%. The maximum benefit will be set to 90% of the state average weekly wage.

The state of CO has an online calculator to help you run specific scenarios at famli.colorado.gov.

How do I request benefits under FAMLI?

You may file for benefits up to 30 days in advance of the anticipated start date if the leave is foreseeable. If the leave is not foreseeable, you may file for benefits up to 30 days after the leave has begun. To apply, complete the approved claims forms and submit for processing. Your employer will need to complete their portion of the claim forms, and if applicable, so will your physician.

Claims can be reported online and by paper form. To learn more, visit <https://insurance.archgroup.com/business/north-america/united-states/claims/disability-claims-management/>.

Types of Benefits and Protections

Paid Family Leave

Eligibility

All employees who earned at least \$2,500 during the last 4 completed calendar quarters are eligible.

Self-employed individuals, including 1099 and contract workers, may opt into the state plan.

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Safe Leave

Up to 12 weeks of paid leave to address the immediate safety needs and impact of domestic violence and/or sexual assault.

Weekly Benefit

The weekly paid benefit amount from Arch Insurance is equal to the amount paid by the CO FAMLI program administered by the state Division of Family and Medical Leave Insurance.

Family Care

Up to 12 weeks of paid leave to provide care to a family member with a serious health condition.

Military Exigency

Up to 12 weeks of paid leave for an employee whose family member is a member of the Armed Forces and is on covered active duty or notified of an impending call or order to covered active duty.

Intermittent Leave

Leave may be taken intermittently or on a reduced leave schedule, with the weekly benefit amount being prorated.

Family Bonding

Up to 12 weeks of paid leave to bond with a child during the first 12 months after a child's birth, or the first 12 months after adoption or foster placement of a child under the age of 18, or between the age of 18 and 21 and under jurisdiction of a juvenile court.

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Own Serious Health Condition

The Arch Insurance private plan offers a maximum of 12 weeks of paid medical leave within a rolling 12-month period if a covered individual is unable to work due to a serious health condition. Up to an additional 4 weeks may be taken for pregnancy/childbirth complications.

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For state contribution rates, maximum benefits, average weekly wages, and benefit calculators, [visit here](#).

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