



## Minnesota Paid Leave

**MN Paid Leave provides payments and job protection when you need time off to care for yourself or your family.**

Ames provides Paid Leave through an approved equivalent plan instead of through the State of Minnesota. This plan provides time off, payments, and job protections that are equal to or greater than those offered under MN Paid Leave.

### Equivalent plan information:

<b>Insurer Name:</b>	Prudential
<b>Equivalent Plan Covers:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Leave <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Leave <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both
<b>Effective Date:</b>	January 1, 2026
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.prudential.com/mybenefits">www.prudential.com/mybenefits</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	877-FOR-PRU1 (877-367-7781) 8AM-11PM EST Monday-Friday

### What leave is covered?

You can take leave for the following qualifying events:

#### Medical Leave:

- To care for your own serious health condition, including care related to pregnancy, childbirth, and recovery

#### Family Leave:

- Bonding Leave – to care for and bond with a child welcomed through birth, adoption, or foster placement
- Caring Leave – to care for a family member with a serious health condition
- Military Family Leave – to support a family member called to active duty
- Safety Leave – to respond to issues related to domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking for yourself or a family member

### Am I covered by Paid Leave?

Most workers in Minnesota are covered by Paid Leave. Our equivalent plan offers coverage that is equal to the state plan. Under the state plan, you may qualify for payments if you've been paid a minimum amount for work in Minnesota in the last year (\$3,900 for the start of Paid Leave in 2026).

### How long can I take leave?

Our equivalent plan offers leave time that is equal to what is offered under the state plan. Under the state plan, you may qualify to take up to 12 weeks of family or medical leave per benefit year. If you need both family and medical leave in the same benefit year, you may qualify for up to 20 weeks in total under the state plan.

### How much will I get paid?

Our equivalent plan offers payments that are equal to what is offered under the state plan. Under the state plan, you will be paid up to 90% of your wages, based on your income level, with a maximum weekly amount set at the state's average weekly wage. This amount changes each year and is \$1,423 for the start of Paid Leave in 2026.

### Who pays for the equivalent plan?

Ames funds all contributions.

### What are my employment protections?

- **Job protections:** Generally, you must be restored to your job or an equivalent position when returning from leave. Job protections take effect 90 days after your date of hire.
- **Health insurance continuation:** Generally, employers must continue to fund their portion of healthcare insurance and other group insurance premiums while you are on leave. You will be responsible for any portion of health insurance and other group insurance premiums that you pay.
- **No retaliation or interference:** Employers must not interfere with or retaliate against you if you apply for or use Paid Leave. Employers cannot take your Paid Leave payments.
- **Equivalent plans:** Equivalent plans cannot impose any additional costs, conditions, or restrictions on Paid Leave beyond those in the state plan.

If you are concerned that your employer may be violating these protections, contact the State Paid Leave.

### How do I take Paid Leave?

Employees who are covered by an equivalent plan do not apply with the state. Instead:

1. Notify your employer.
2. Call 877-367-7781 8AM-11PM EST Monday-Friday or visit [www.prudential.com/mybenefit](http://www.prudential.com/mybenefit) to report your leave. Prudential will walk you through the claim process step by step. More information can be found here ([link](#)).

### Can I appeal if I am denied?

Workers covered by equivalent plans have the same right to appeal as those covered by the state plan. If your application for leave is denied or you disagree with the amount of your payment, you have 30 calendar days to ask that your equivalent plan review their decision. If their decision does not change, you can appeal with the Paid Leave Division within the legal deadline, 30 calendar days from when you received the review decision from your equivalent plan. Contact Paid Leave or visit our website for more information on appeals.

### Learn more

Visit [paidleave.mn.gov](http://paidleave.mn.gov) for more information about Paid Leave. Other ways to reach the State:

Phone: 651-556-7777 or 844-556-0444 (toll free).

E-mail: [paidleave@state.mn.us](mailto:paidleave@state.mn.us)

Mail: Department of Employment & Economic Development, Paid Leave Division

180 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, St. Paul, MN 55101

*Information is available in alternative formats for people with disabilities by using the contact information listed above.*

### Employer Information:

Employer Name:	Ames Construction / Ames Services / Ames Federal Contracting
Mailing Address:	2500 County Road 42 W, Burnsville, MN 55337
Employer Identification Number (FEIN):	41-0871375 / 33-1901745 / 88-1604592

### Employee Acknowledgement:

<input type="checkbox"/>	I acknowledge receipt of this notification
Name	
Signature	
Date	