

# FAMLI Neonatal Care Leave

**Paid time to be there when your newborn needs you most.**

Starting January 1, 2026, parents whose infants enter a neonatal unit or higher level of care may have **up to 12 weeks of paid Neonatal Care Leave** to be there at this critical time. Afterwards, they may be eligible for 12 more weeks of other paid FAMLI leave, such as parental bonding.

## Broad Eligibility

**If you're a ...**

- Parent
- Foster parent
- Step-parent
- Adoptive parent
- Individual acting *in loco parentis*

**... then Neonatal Care Leave is for you**



## Time Off When You Choose

- You choose the time to spend away from work and with your newborn
- Tell FAMLI the hours you spent at work the prior week – it can be zero
- Receive payment to make up any lost work hours each week

## How to Apply

- Visit the My FAMLI+ portal today <https://myfamliplus.state.co.us/>
- Select **Neonatal Care Leave** as your reason for leave.
- Upload admittance documents
- Rest and recover with your family

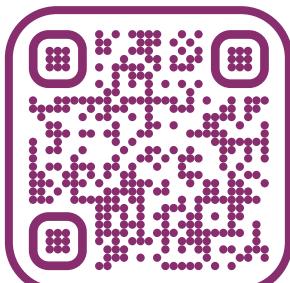
## Want To Get Ahead?

If you're preparing for possible complications, you can get a head start on paid leave by beginning your Neonatal Care Leave application early as a draft - then submit your claim once you upload your baby's admission documents. Talk to your healthcare provider today.

## Learn More

FAMLI provides leave for many of life's most important moments – including bonding with a child, recovering from health conditions, caring for family members, and more.

**Visit the Colorado FAMLI website at [FAMLI.Colorado.gov](https://FAMLI.Colorado.gov) or scan this QR Code to find out how FAMLI has you covered.**



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