

Productivity Enhancement Program (PEP) Institution Teachers Appendix

Certain Institution Teachers employed by the Department of Correctional Services, the Office of Children and Family Services, the Office of Mental Health, or the New York State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind will be eligible to participate in PEP in accordance with the preceding program description except as modified below:

OVERVIEW

For each program year in which they wish to participate, eligible full-time Institution Teachers will forfeit 1, 2, or 3 days of personal leave standing to their credit at the time of enrollment in exchange for a credit to be applied toward the employee share of their NYSHIP premiums deducted from biweekly paychecks in that program year.

During calendar years 2009, 2010, and 2011, employees who enroll in those program years will forfeit 1, 2, or 3 days of personal leave standing to their credit at time of enrollment in exchange for a credit to be applied toward the employee share of their NYSHIP premiums deducted from biweekly paychecks in that entire program year. In 2009 the credit will be worth up to \$150 per full day of personal leave forfeited for that program year. In 2010 and 2011, the credit will be worth up to \$166.66 per day. The credit will be divided evenly over the employee share deductions that will be taken from employee paychecks issued in that program year.

As with other participants, leave forfeited in association with the program will not be returned, in whole or in part, to employees who cease to be eligible for participation in the program.

The program will be available to eligible part-time employees on a prorated basis.

ELIGIBILITY

The eligibility criteria in the preceding program description are replaced by the requirements listed below.

In order to enroll, Institution Teachers must:

- Be (1) a classified or unclassified service employee in a title below Salary Grade 18 or equated to a position below Salary Grade 18; or (2) in the unclassified service at the New York State School for the Deaf or the New York State School for the Blind in a title with a full-time annual salary (or in the case of Instructor Assistants, total annual compensation) that does not exceed the job rate in effect at the time of enrollment for an employee in Salary Grade 17 as specified in “Appendix I Salary Schedules” in the 2007-2011 State/PEF Collective Bargaining Agreement;
- Be an employee covered by the 2007-2011 New York State/PEF Collective Bargaining Agreement; and
- Be a NYSHIP enrollee and contract holder in either the Empire Plan or an HMO at the time of enrollment.