FCC Form 5643

REQUEST FOR A MEDICAL EXCEPTION TO THE COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIREMENT

Government-wide policy requires all Federal employees, as defined in 5 U.S.C. § 2105, to be vaccinated against COVID-19, with exceptions only as required by law. Employees may seek a legal exception to the vaccination requirement due to a disability, using the form below. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) may also ask for other information, as needed. Requests for "medical accommodation" or "medical exceptions" will be treated as requests for a disability accommodation and evaluated and decided under applicable Rehabilitation Act standards for reasonable accommodation requirement based on certain medical considerations that may not justify an exception under the Rehabilitation Act. Safer Federal Workforce Task Force guidance on medical considerations that may warrant a delay is available here. The FCC is required to keep confidential any medical information provided, subject to the applicable Rehabilitation Act standards. Employees who receive an exception or a delay from the vaccination requirement must comply with alternative health and safety protocols.

Signing this form constitutes a declaration that the information you provide is true and correct to the best of your knowledge and ability. Any intentional misrepresentation to the Federal Government may result in legal consequences, including termination or removal from Federal Service.

To request a medical exception or delay from the COVID-19 vaccination requirement using this form:

- 1. You must complete Part 1 of this form.
- 2. Your medical provider must complete Part 2 of this form.
- When both are completed, you must submit the complete form (Parts 1 and 2) to Kenneth Heredia, the FCC's Reasonable Accommodations Coordinator, at: <u>Kenneth.Heredia@fcc.gov.</u>

FCC NOTICE FOR INDIVIDUALS REQUIRED BY THE PRIVACY ACT AND THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT

<u>Authority</u>: The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 791; Executive Order 13164, Requiring Federal Agencies to Establish Procedures to Facilitate the Provision of Reasonable Accommodation, 65 Fed. Reg. 46,563 (Jul 28, 2000); and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's Policy Guidance on Executive Order 13164: Establishing Procedures to Facilitate the Provision of Reasonable Accommodation, Directives Transmittal Number 915.003, October 20, 2000.

<u>Purpose</u>: The principal purpose for collecting this information is to permit the FCC to assess whether individuals are entitled to a reasonable accommodation. Additionally, this information is being collected and maintained by the FCC to record and track requests for reasonable accommodation by individuals with disabilities, their provision, and the disposition of such requests. Information collected in connection with a request for reasonable accommodation is confidential and may be shared with FCC officials or contractors only when those other individuals need to know the information to make determinations on a reasonable accommodation request or to assist the Reasonable Accommodations Coordinator in making such a determination.

<u>Routine Uses</u>: The records and information in the records may be used pursuant to the Routine Uses for the system found in the System of Records Notice FCC/OWD-1, Reasonable Accommodation Requests.

<u>Effect of Disclosure</u>: The provision of information is voluntary; however, if you do not provide this information, the FCC may not provide an accommodation, and you may not receive important information.

We have estimated that your response to this collection of information will take an average of 30 minutes or 0.5 hours. Our estimate includes the time to read the instructions, look through existing

records, gather and maintain required data, and actually complete and review the form or response. If you have any comments on this estimate, or on how we can improve the collection and reduce the burden it causes you, please write the Federal Communications Commission, Office of Managing Director, AMD PERM, Washington, DC 20554, Paperwork Reduction Act Project (3060-1295). We will also accept your PRA comments via the Internet if you send an e-mail to PRA@fcc.gov.

Please DO NOT SEND COMPLETED [SURVEYS, APPLICATION FORMS, ETC] TO THIS ADDRESS. You are not required to respond to a collection of information sponsored by the Federal government, and the government may not conduct or sponsor this collection, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number and/or we fail to provide you with this notice. This collection has been assigned an OMB control number of 3060-1295.

THIS NOTICE IS REQUIRED BY THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT OF 1995, PUBLIC LAW 104-13, OCTOBER 1, 1995, 44 U.S.C. SECTION 3507.

Part 1	To Be Completed by the Employee	
Employee Name		Date of Request
Bureau	/Office	Division
Position	n Supervisor	Phone Number

Medical or Disability Exception Request

I am requesting a medical exception to the requirement for COVID-19 vaccination or a delay because of a temporary condition or medical circumstance. I declare that the information I have provided is true and correctto the best of my knowledge and ability.

By signing this form, I authorize FCC officials to contact the medical professional I have listed in my request andto collect further information about my medical condition as it may pertain to my request. I understand that it may be necessary to reveal to others my identity and medical information regarding my request to FCC officials.

I also understand that any information collected to process my request will be considered by the FCC when making the decision to approve or disapprove my request and will become a part of my record of request for an exception. This documentation **will not** become a part of my personnel file.

If you have questions about completing this form, please contact the FCC's Reasonable AccommodationCoordinator at <u>Kenneth.Heredia@fcc.gov</u> (by email) or 202-418-7896 (by phone).

Employee Signature

Print Name

Date

Part 2 To be Completed by the Employee's Medical Provider

Employee Name

Medical Certification for COVID-19 Vaccine Exception

Dear Medical Provider:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires its employees to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 pursuant to Executive Order of the President of the United States. The individual named above is seeking a medical exception to the requirement for COVID-19 vaccination or a delay because of a temporary condition or medical circumstance. Please complete this form to assist the FCC in its reasonable accommodation process. If you have questions about completing this form, please contact the FCC's Reasonable Accommodation Coordinator at Kenneth.Heredia@fcc.gov (by email) or 202-418-7896 (by phone).

Please provide **at least** the following information, where applicable:

- The applicable contraindication or precaution for COVID-19 vaccination, and for each contraindication orprecaution, indicate: (a) whether it is recognized by the CDC pursuant to its guidance; and (b) whether it is listed in the package insert or Emergency Use Authorization fact sheet for each of the COVID-19 vaccines authorized or approved for use in the United States;
- 2. A statement that the individual's condition and medical circumstances relating to the individual are suchthat COVID-19 vaccination is not considered safe, indicating the specific nature of the medical condition or circumstances that contraindicate immunization with a COVID-19 vaccine or might increase the risk for a serious adverse reaction; and
- 3. Any other medical condition that would limit the employee from receiving any COVID-19 vaccine.

Description of the medical condition for which the employee listed above should be excepted from complying with a COVID-19 vaccination requirement.

 The condition described above is:

 temporary
 long-term

 If this is a temporary condition or medical circumstance, when it is expected to end or expire (allowing for COVID-19 vaccination to begin after the date you provided):

 Medical Provider Name/Title

Medical Provider Signature

Date