

Sick Leave Benefit

I looked back on my medical history and realized that I had missed 6 months of work in my 40+ years of work.

I had a broken hand, hernia surgery, 5 stitches to hand, fall from a ladder, bad fall on ice, 1 motorcycle and 2 bike accidents, tendinitis in foot with bone spurs, fish hook in hand, month-long series of rabies shots, always got flu until I started taking vaccine (free from company), 2 episodes of back pain, had to see a dentist 4 times a year and an ophthalmologist once a year, and missed time because of the loss of loved ones.

I also received tests and treatment for heart, urologic, thyroid and gastric problems. A yearly followup is required for each.

I was lucky, I had a sick-leave benefit to cover most of this time. I don't think it's fair that a person should work their whole life and then lose everything, in the end, because of illness. We desperately need a sick-leave benefit.

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