

Retroactive Medical Leave Request

What is a medical leave?

A student medical leave is a university-verified designation indicating that a personal health condition had a catastrophic impact on a student's ability to remain enrolled. This exceptional remedy is intended to offer students time and space to prioritize their health and wellness in an individualized time frame.

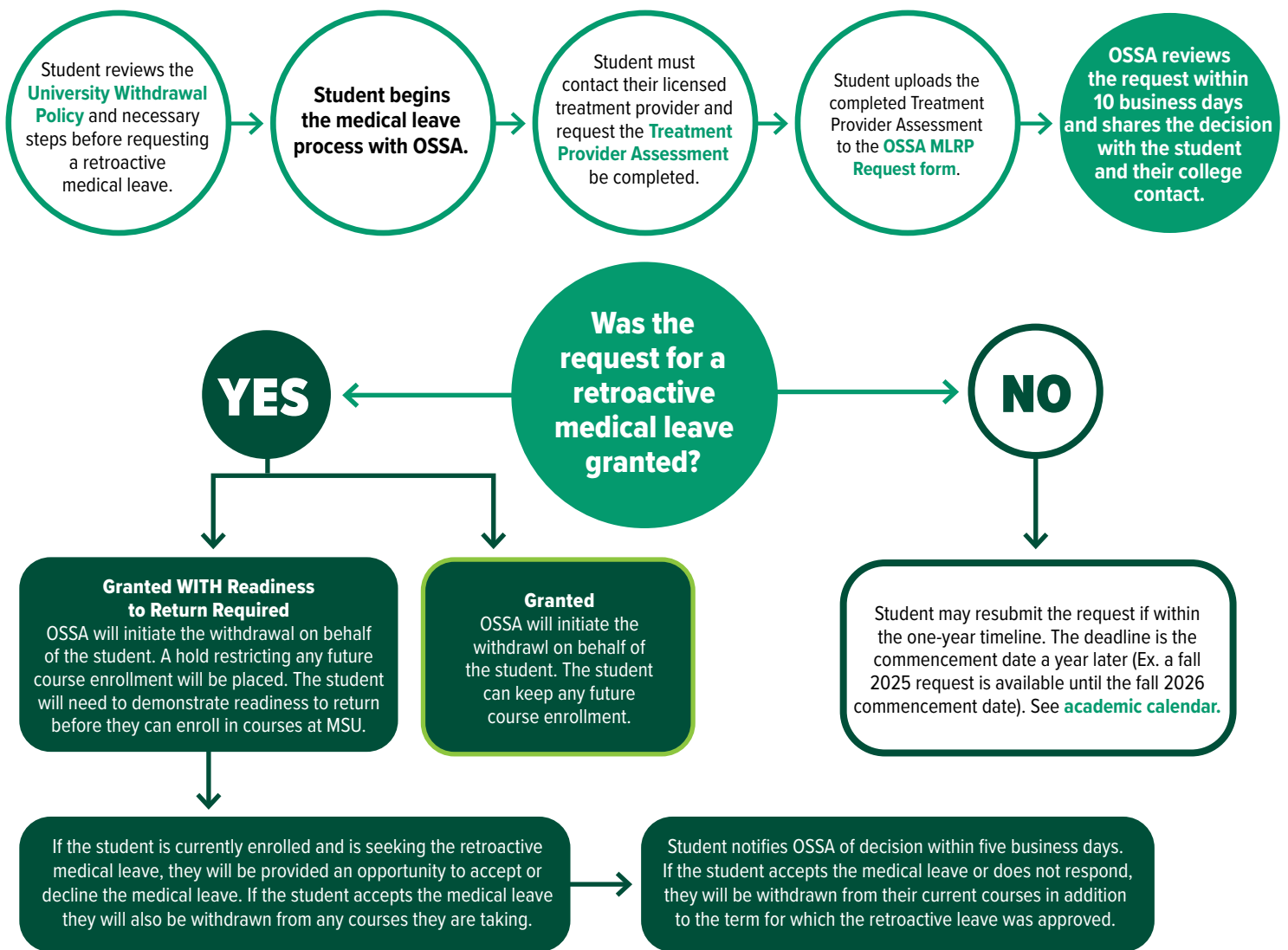
A student medical leave means withdrawing or dropping all of your classes in a given semester. Withdrawing from college is a big decision and can have a huge impact on finances, on-campus housing, immigration status and more.

Before applying for a medical leave, please review the medical leave policy and the required steps at reg.msu.edu/roinfo/notices/withdrawal.aspx.

When considering a medical leave, timing is important. It affects how your withdrawal and medical leave are processed, how the withdrawal appears on your official transcript and the outcome of a refund review.

You can self-withdraw until the midpoint of the course. You can then request a current medical leave once withdrawn until the Class Ends Date of the semester. After this date, the request becomes a retroactive medical leave, which can be requested up to the commencement date of the term a year later. For example, if you want to take a medical leave for fall 2025, you have until the commencement date in the fall 2026 **academic calendar** to apply.

Whether a medical leave is granted, granted with readiness to return required, or is not granted is decided by OSSA upon review of details completed on the treatment provider assessment.



Still have questions?

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