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**Request for Federal Income Tax
 Withholding From Sick Pay**

2019

- ▶ Give this form to the third-party payer of your sick pay.
- ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/FormW4S for the latest information.

Type or print your first name and middle initial	Last name	Your social security number
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Home address (number and street or rural route)

City or town, state, and ZIP code

Claim or identification number (if any)	
I request federal income tax withholding from my sick pay payments. I want the following amount to be withheld from each payment. (See Worksheet below.)	\$

Employee's signature ▶	Date ▶
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----- Separate here and give the top part of this form to the payer. Keep the lower part for your records. -----

Worksheet (Keep for your records. Do not send to the Internal Revenue Service.)

1 Enter amount of adjusted gross income that you expect in 2019	1		
2 If you plan to itemize deductions on Schedule A (Form 1040), enter the estimated total of your deductions. See Pub. 505 for details. If you don't plan to itemize deductions, enter the standard deduction. (See the instructions on page 2 for the standard deduction amount, including additional standard deductions for age and blindness.) Note: There is no deduction for personal exemptions for 2019	2		
3 Subtract line 2 from line 1	3		
4 Tax. Figure your tax on line 3 by using the 2019 Tax Rate Schedule X, Y-1, Y-2, or Z on page 2. Do not use any tax tables, worksheets, or schedules in the 2018 Form 1040 instructions	4		
5 Credits (child tax and higher education credits, credit for child and dependent care expenses, etc.)	5		
6 Subtract line 5 from line 4	6		
7 Estimated federal income tax withheld or to be withheld from other sources (including amounts withheld due to a prior Form W-4S) during 2019 or paid or to be paid with 2019 estimated tax payments	7		
8 Subtract line 7 from line 6	8		
9 Enter the number of sick pay payments you expect to receive this year to which this Form W-4S will apply	9		
10 Divide line 8 by line 9. Round to the nearest dollar. This is the amount that should be withheld from each sick pay payment. Be sure it meets the requirements for the amount that should be withheld, as explained under <i>Amount to be withheld</i> below. If it does, enter this amount on Form W-4S above	10		

General Instructions

Purpose of form. Give this form to the third-party payer of your sick pay, such as an insurance company, if you want federal income tax withheld from the payments. You aren't required to have federal income tax withheld from sick pay paid by a third party. However, if you choose to request such withholding, Internal Revenue Code sections 3402(o) and 6109 and their regulations require you to provide the information requested on this form. Don't use this form if your employer (or its agent) makes the payments because employers are already required to withhold federal income tax from sick pay.

Note: If you receive sick pay under a collective bargaining agreement, see your union representative or employer.

Definition. Sick pay is a payment that you receive:

- Under a plan to which your employer is a party, and
- In place of wages for any period when you're temporarily absent from work because of your sickness or injury.

Amount to be withheld. Enter on this form the amount that you want withheld from each payment. The amount that you enter:

- Must be in whole dollars (for example, \$35, not \$34.50).
- Must be at least \$4 per day, \$20 per week, or \$88 per month based on your payroll period.

- Must not reduce the net amount of each sick pay payment that you receive to less than \$10.

For payments larger or smaller than a regular full payment of sick pay, the amount withheld will be in the same proportion as your regular withholding from sick pay. For example, if your regular full payment of \$100 a week normally has \$25 (25%) withheld, then \$20 (25%) will be withheld from a partial payment of \$80.

Caution: You may be subject to a penalty if your tax payments during the year aren't at least 90% of the tax shown on your tax return. For exceptions and details, see Pub. 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax. You may pay tax during the year through withholding or estimated tax payments or both. To avoid a penalty, make sure that you have enough tax withheld or make estimated tax payments using Form 1040-ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals. You may estimate your federal income tax liability by using the worksheet above.

Sign this form. Form W-4S is not valid unless you sign it.

Statement of income tax withheld. After the end of the year, you'll receive a Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, reporting the taxable sick pay paid and federal income tax withheld during the year. These amounts are reported to the Internal Revenue Service.

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Changing your withholding. Form W-4S remains in effect until you change or revoke it. You may do this by giving a new Form W-4S or a written notice to the payer of your sick pay. To revoke your previous Form W-4S, complete a new Form W-4S and write "Revoked" in the money amount box, sign it, and give it to the payer.

Specific Instructions for Worksheet

You may use the worksheet on page 1 to estimate the amount of federal income tax that you want withheld from each sick pay payment. Use your tax return for last year and the worksheet as a basis for estimating your tax, tax credits, and withholding for this year.

You may not want to use Form W-4S if you already have your total tax covered by estimated tax payments or other withholding.

If you expect to file a joint return, be sure to include the income, deductions, credits, and payments of both yourself and your spouse in figuring the amount you want withheld.

Caution: If any of the amounts on the worksheet change after you give Form W-4S to the payer, you should use a new Form W-4S to request a change in the amount withheld.

Line 2—Deductions

Itemized deductions. Itemized deductions include qualifying home mortgage interest, charitable contributions, state and local taxes (up to \$10,000), and medical expenses in excess of 10% of your adjusted gross income. See Pub. 505 for details.

Standard deduction. For 2019, the standard deduction amounts are:

Filing Status	Standard Deduction
Married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)	\$24,400*
Head of household	\$18,350*
Single or Married filing separately	\$12,200*

* If you're age 65 or older or blind, add to the standard deduction amount the additional amount that applies to you as shown in the next paragraph. If you can be claimed as a dependent on another person's return, see *Limited standard deduction for dependents*, later.

Additional standard deduction for the elderly or blind. An additional standard deduction of \$1,300 is allowed for a married individual (filing jointly or separately) or qualifying widow(er) who is 65 or older or blind, \$2,600 if 65 or older **and** blind. If both spouses are 65 or older or blind, an additional \$2,600 is allowed on a joint return (\$2,600 on a separate return if your spouse is your dependent). If both spouses are 65 or older **and** blind, an additional \$5,200 is allowed on a joint return (\$5,200 on a separate return if your spouse is your dependent). An additional \$1,650 is allowed for an unmarried individual (single or head of household) who is 65 or older or blind, \$3,300 if 65 or older **and** blind. See Pub. 505, Worksheet 2-4.

Limited standard deduction for dependents. If you are a dependent of another person, your standard deduction is the greater of (a) \$1,100 or (b) your earned income plus \$350 (up to the regular standard deduction for your filing status). If you're 65 or older or blind, see Pub. 505 for additional amounts that you may claim.

Certain individuals not eligible for standard deduction. For the following individuals, the standard deduction is zero.

- A married individual filing a separate return if either spouse itemizes deductions.
- A nonresident alien individual.
- An individual filing a return for a period of less than 12 months because of a change in his or her annual accounting period.

Line 5—Credits

Include on this line any tax credits that you're entitled to claim, such as the child tax and higher education credits, credit for child and dependent care expenses, earned income credit, or credit for the elderly or the disabled. See Pub. 505, Table 1-2, for credits.

Line 7—Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax

Enter the federal income tax that you expect will be withheld this year on income other than sick pay and any payments made or to be made with 2019 estimated tax payments. Include any federal income tax already withheld or to be withheld from wages and pensions.

2019 Tax Rate Schedules

Schedule X—Single				Schedule Z—Head of household			
If line 3 is:		The tax is:	of the amount over—	If line 3 is:		The tax is:	of the amount over—
Over—	But not over—			Over—	But not over—		
\$0	\$9,700	\$0 + 10%	\$0	\$0	\$13,850	\$0 + 10%	\$0
9,700	39,475	970.00 + 12%	9,700	13,850	52,850	1,385 + 12%	13,850
39,475	84,200	4,543.00 + 22%	39,475	52,850	84,200	6,065 + 22%	52,850
84,200	160,725	14,382.50 + 24%	84,200	84,200	160,700	12,962 + 24%	84,200
160,725	204,100	32,748.50 + 32%	160,725	160,700	204,100	31,322 + 32%	160,700
204,100	510,300	46,628.50 + 35%	204,100	204,100	510,300	45,210 + 35%	204,100
510,300	and greater	153,798.50 + 37%	510,300	510,300	and greater	152,380 + 37%	510,300
Schedule Y-1—Married filing jointly or Qualifying widow(er)				Schedule Y-2—Married filing separately			
If line 3 is:		The tax is:	of the amount over—	If line 3 is:		The tax is:	of the amount over—
Over—	But not over—			Over—	But not over—		
\$0	\$19,400	\$0 + 10%	\$0	\$0	\$9,700	\$0 + 10%	\$0
19,400	78,950	1,940 + 12%	19,400	9,700	39,475	970.00 + 12%	9,700
78,950	168,400	9,086 + 22%	78,950	39,475	84,200	4,543.00 + 22%	39,475
168,400	321,450	28,765 + 24%	168,400	84,200	160,725	14,382.50 + 24%	84,200
321,450	408,200	65,497 + 32%	321,450	160,725	204,100	32,748.50 + 32%	160,725
408,200	612,350	93,257 + 35%	408,200	204,100	306,175	46,628.50 + 35%	204,100
612,350	and greater	164,709.50 + 37%	612,350	306,175	and greater	82,354.75 + 37%	306,175

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The average time and expenses required to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. For estimated averages, see the instructions for your income tax return.

If you have suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. See the instructions for your income tax return.