US DOL Releases Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Temporary Regulations and Updates FAQ's

Labor & Employment Law Update

By Sara Zorich on April 3, 2020

The US Department of Labor (DOL) has posted its temporary regulations regarding the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). The DOL is scheduled to post its published version on April 6, 2020. The new regulations include parts 826.10 – 826.160 of the federal code and set forth the compliance requirements for employers with less than 500 employees for both the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act (EPSLA) and the Expanded Family and Medical Leave (EFMLEA).

Additionally, the DOL continues to update its FFCRA FAQ's and FAQ's regarding posting requirements. At the time of this publication, those FAQ's were most recently updated on April 2, 2020.

Employers subject to the FFCRA paid leave provisions must comply with these new regulations no later than April 1, 2020. The DOL has a limited stay of enforcement regarding FFCRA compliance until April 17, 2020; however, the DOL has indicated that once it fully enforces the FFCRA, it will retroactively enforce violations back until the effective date of April 1, 2020, if employers have not remedied the violations.

As a reminder, employers covered by the FFCRA must post the following poster in a conspicuous place on its premises which can be satisfied by emailing or direct mailing this notice to employees, or posting this notice on an employee information internal or external website.

The FFCRA rules are complex and as COVID-19 stay in place orders, quarantines and directives change, those changes will impact an employer's FFCRA compliance requirements.

