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VLDP Employer Training Guide Short-Term Disability and Long-Term Disability Management Revised July 2017



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What You Will Learn

The Journey Begins
Transition to a New Third-Party Administrator
Training for Employers
Employee Benefits Remain the Same

How this transition impacts you and your employees

- New notification processes
- ReedGroup services
- Information exchange and technology
- LeaveProtm Self-Service Portal
- New Daily Action Report (DAR)
- Roles of service teams
- Education & Outreach services
- Managing employee communication
- Getting help



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Introduction to the Managed Disability TPA Transition to ReedGroup

Effective May 1, 2015 your third-party administrator (or, TPA) for Short-Term Disability and Long-Term Disability management is ReedGroup.

All plan benefits remain the same.

ReedGroup provides numerous services and tools that benefit you as an employer:

- We assign nurse case managers to every claim
- Our case management services are consistent and in compliance with your disability plans, and always with a **focus on medically appropriate return to work**
- Our systems **automate tasks** that are the common source of manual errors when submitting claims
- Eligible **member information** is integrated into our systems



We help you manage employee disability absence

- absence management administration
- integrated technology solutions
- clinical model that reference to Disability Guidelines
- focus on medically appropriate return to work

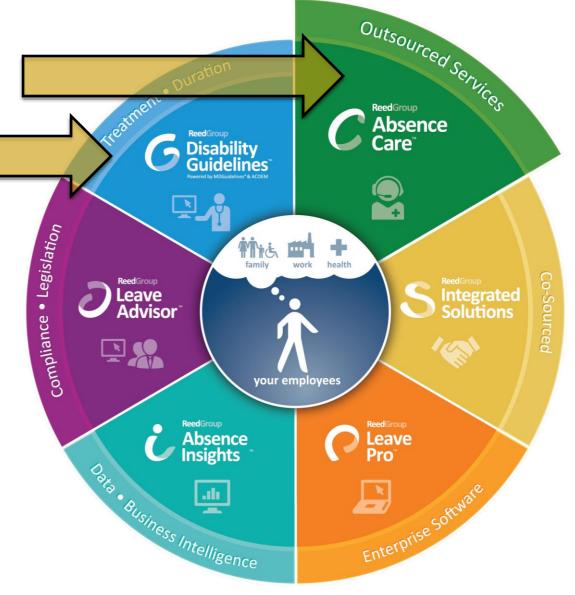
Employers and employees have access to a **Self-Service Portal called LeavePro**tm.

- online website
- access reports

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- check non-clinical disability claims statuses
- assures medical claim detail for your employees is completely secured

Visit reedgroup.com for more information



Why ReedGroup?

What is Different with ReedGroup?

Different Self-ServicePlease visit www.reedgroup.com/vldp-claimsPortalaccess the portal.

- Training, upcoming events
- Run reports (ad hoc, automatic, recurring reports)
- Check on disability claims for your employees
- Check that medical records have been received
- Confirm a return to work date
- And request a change to an existing disability claim



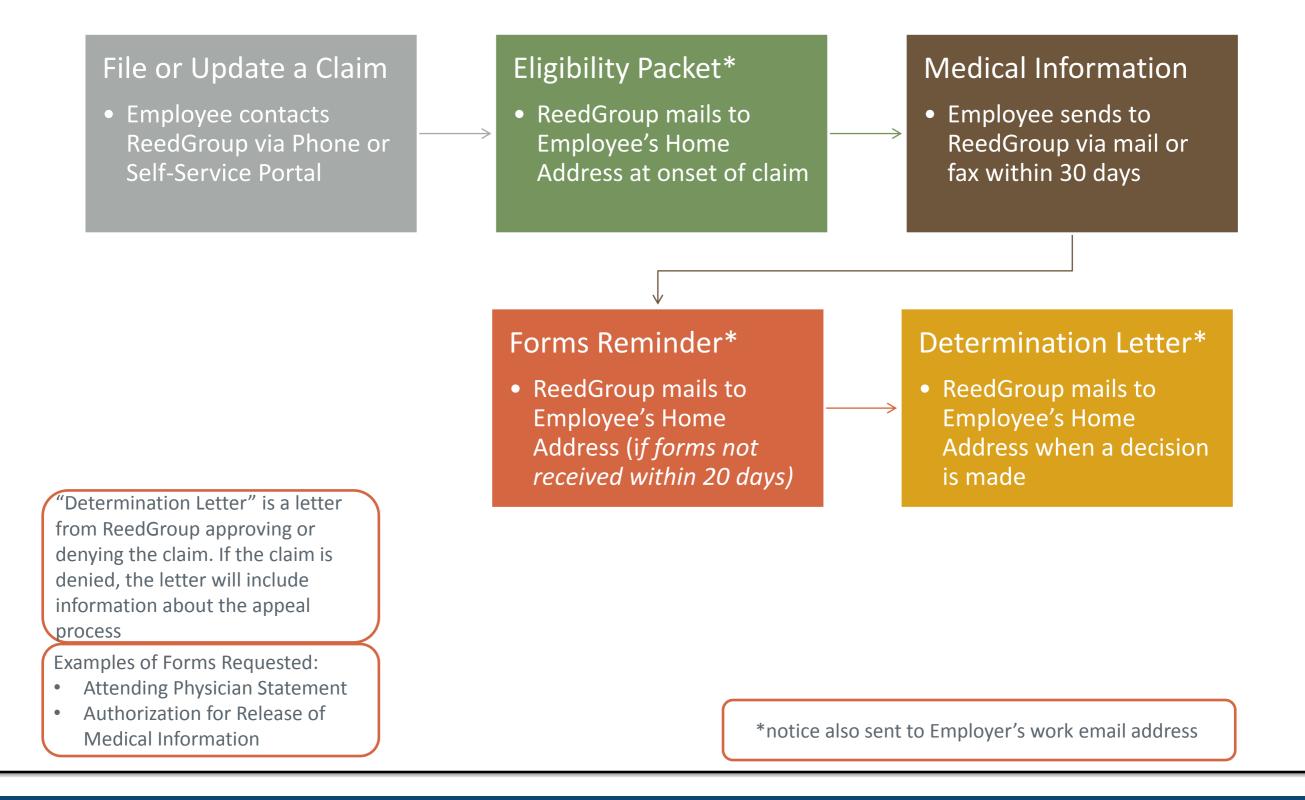
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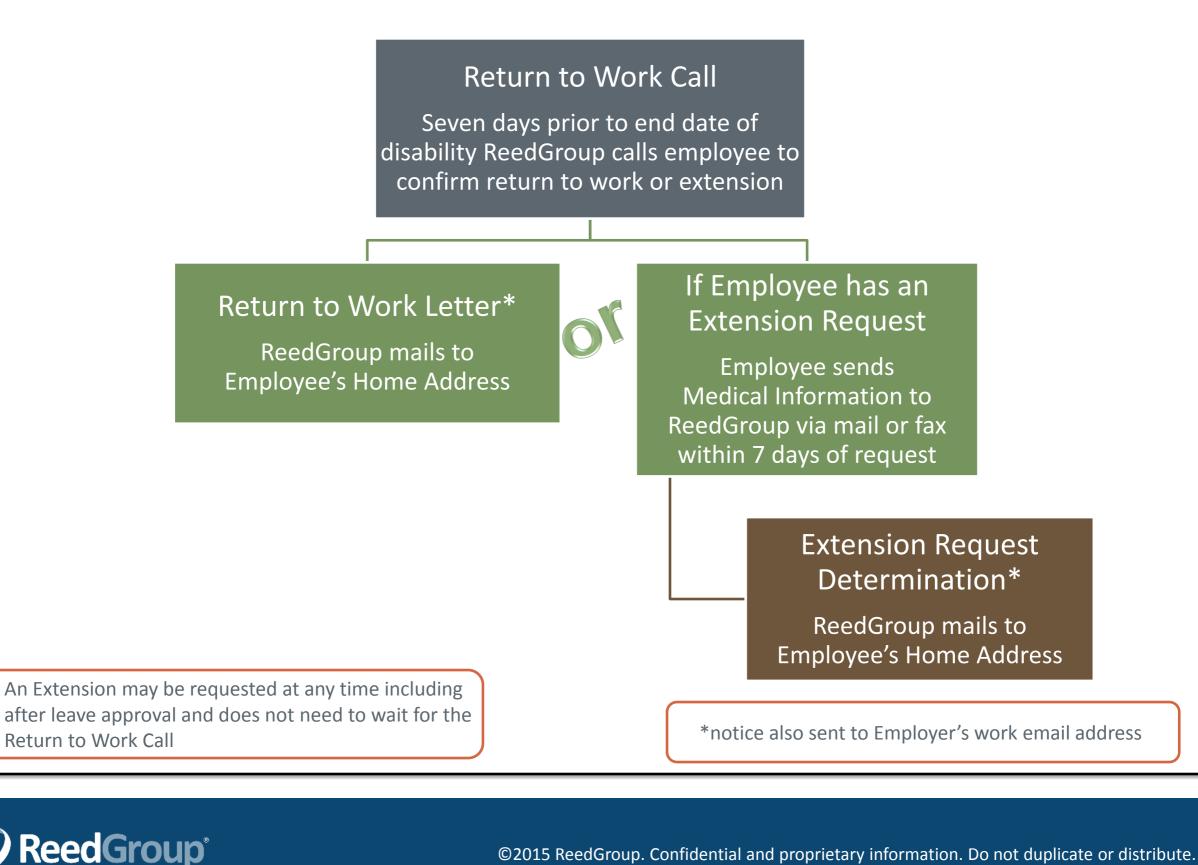


Short-Term Disability Process



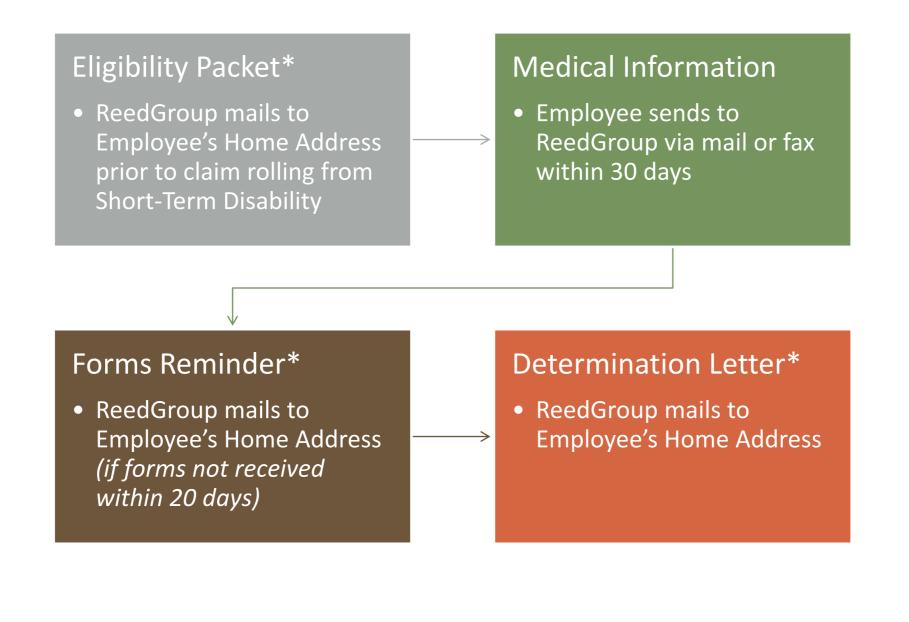
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Return to Work Process



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Long-Term Disability Process



Examples of Forms Requested:

- Long-Term Disability Repayment Agreement
- Request for Health Insurance Credit (VRS-45)
- W-4 Form

*notice also sent to Employer's work email address

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Appeals Process

 Medical Information Employee sends to ReedGroup via mail or fax as needed throughout the appeal process Decision Letter* ReedGroup mails to Employee's Home Address 	Employee Appeal Request • Employee sends to ReedGroup via mail or fax within 5 days of denial	Acknowledgement Letter* • ReedGroup sends to Employee Home Address
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		Decision Letter*

The Determination Letter that was sent when claim was denied includes information about the appeal process

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Scope of ReedGroup Services

New and Updated Short-Term Disability Claims

Income replacement levels

Return to work determination

Catastrophic condition

Major chronic condition

Transition to Long-Term Disability

Work-related and non-work-related disabilities



Coordination with Other Benefits

Workers' Compensation

Social Security Disability Insurance

Outside income or other benefits for the same disability

*Indirectly via a report sent to VRS



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Non-Clinical Claim Information Employers are Authorized to See

The date the employee initiated a disability claim

Whether the employee's claim is for Short-Term Disability, Long-Term Disability or a catastrophic or major chronic condition

Authorized start and end dates of the disability period

Dates to begin paying the employee at 100 percent, 80 percent or 60 percent of predisability income

Estimated return to work date

Physical restrictions

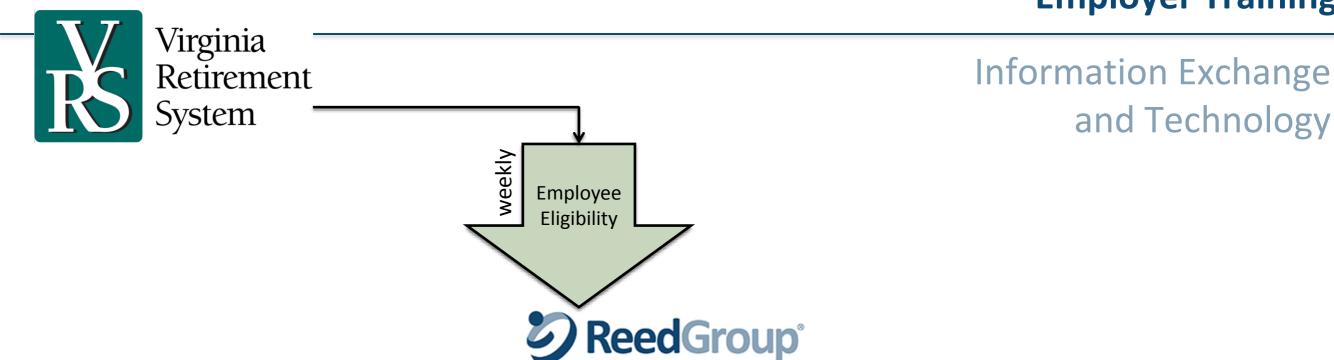
Number of hours a day your employee is able to work

When a case is closed



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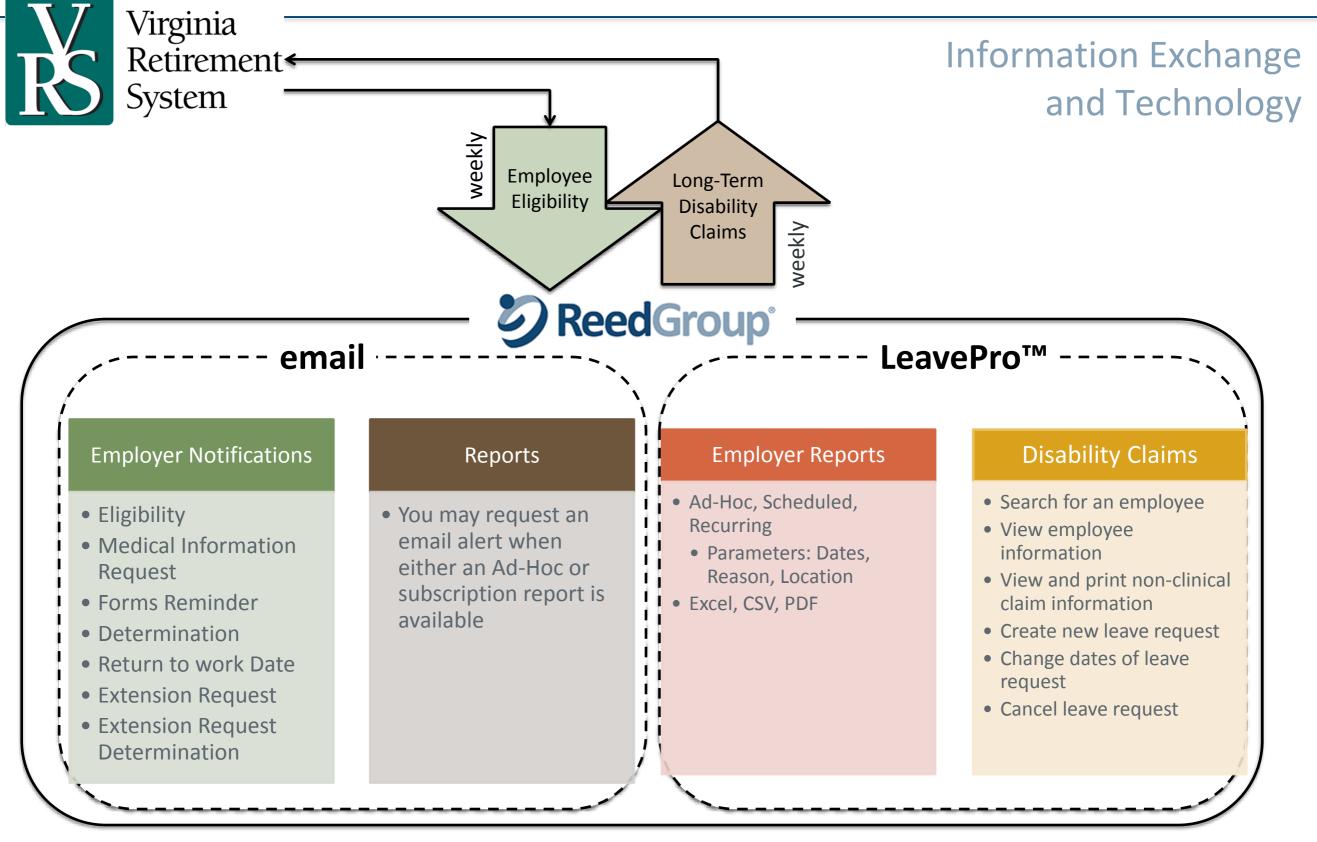
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	Initial Employee eligibility information sent from VRS Navigator to ReedGroup	Employee provides to Agency and Agency provides to VRS Navigator: Employee home address of 123 Maple Lane	Both VRS Navigator and ReedGroup have Employee home address of: 123 Maple Lane
BD	Employee information updated directly in ReedGroup systems overrides "A"	Employee provides to ReedGroup upon Short-Term Disability intake: Employee home address of 456 Ash Street	VRS Navigator has address of 123 Maple Lane and ReedGroup has address of 456 Ash Street
C	New VRS Navigator information overrides "B"	Employee provides to Agency and Agency provides to VRS Navigator: Employee home address of 789 Oak Circle	VRS Navigator has address of 789 Oak Circle and ReedGroup has address of 789 Oak Circle

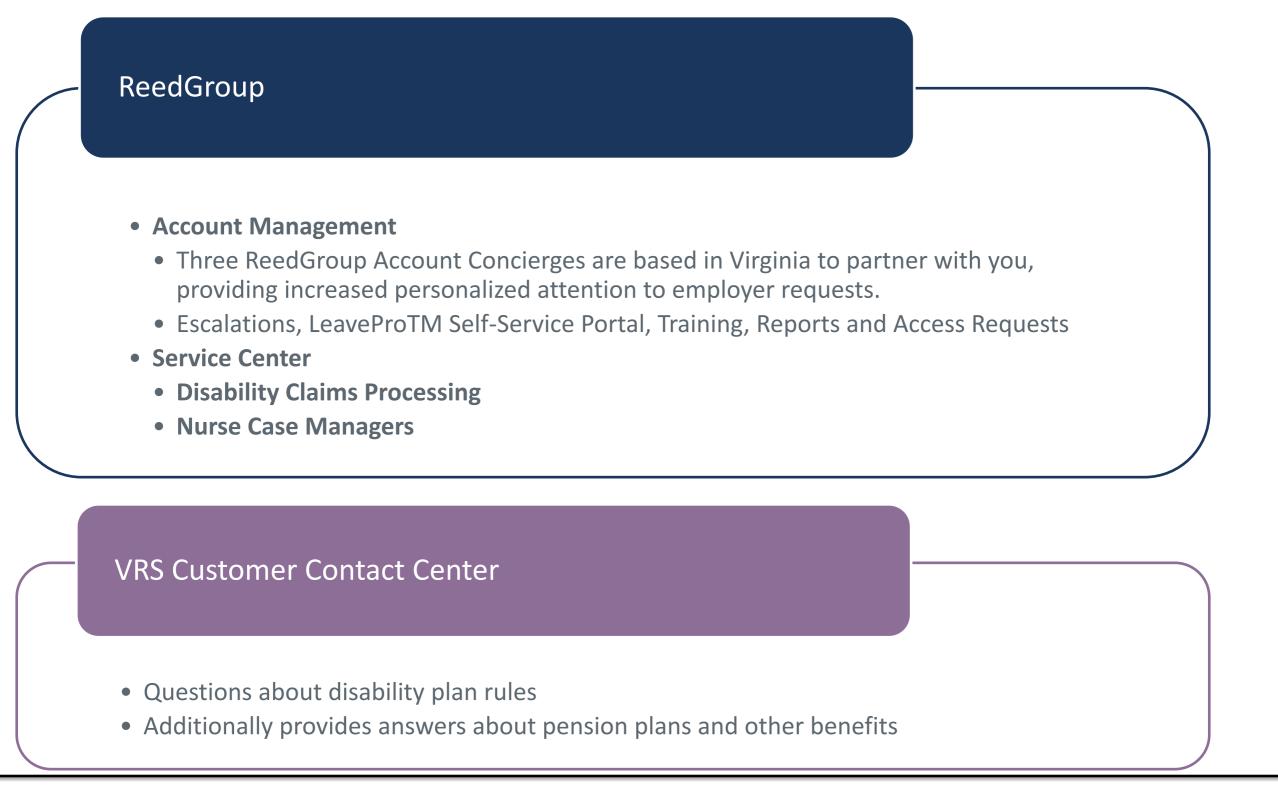


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Who Does What > Roles of Service Teams



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Education & Outreach Services

- For employers
- What ReedGroup looks like to employees
- Talking points for employees
- Email template for employees
- Access requests



Education & Outreach Services for Employers

Three ReedGroup Account Coordinators are based in Virginia with responsibility for providing High-Touch Services for Employers.

Our job is to serve you, so you can best serve your employees.



We provide the following specialized services to help your organization implement effective change:

- Online meetings to provide answers to questions as they arises
 - WebEx support calls
- On-site visit to focus on special needs of your agency
 - On-going in-person training and support as needed
 - Participation in on-going employer roundtable sessions



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LeaveProtm Access Request Form

You may need to complete an Access Request form if:

- LeaveProtm Registration doesn't work
- Changes in responsibilities (who should / should not access employee non-clinical claims information)
- Current access is not correct
 - o LeaveProtm
 - o Notifications
 - o Daily Action Report
 - o Peer/Business Partner

IMPORTANT! Access is dependent on how your Agency's data is set up in VRS Navigator. Contact ReedGroup Account Concierges for agencyspecific information.

Form can be found at: <u>www.reedgroup.com/vldp-claims</u>

LeaveProtm Employer Access Red	quest Form	
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Other Notes		
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Disability Plan Rules	Claims Processing	For Employers Only: Escalations, LeavePro [™] Self- Service Portal, Training, Reports and Access Requests
VRS Customer Care Center	ReedGroup Service Center	ReedGroup Account Concierges
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