Pursuant to GINA’s “safe harbor” provision in 29 CFR § 1635.8(b)(1)(i) and 29 CFR § 1635.8(b)(3) (providing for an exception for FMLA requests regarding the medical condition of a family member), the following language must be included with requests under the FMLA concerning a spouse, parent, or child’s medical condition.

The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA) prohibits employers and other entities covered by GINA Title II from requesting or requiring genetic information of an individual or family member of the individual, except as specifically allowed by this law. To comply with this law, we are asking that you not provide any genetic information when responding to this request for medical information. “Genetic information,” as defined by GINA, includes an individual’s family medical history, the results of an individual’s or family member’s genetic tests, the fact that an individual or an individual’s family member sought or received genetic services, and genetic information of a fetus carried by an individual or an individual’s family member or an embryo lawfully held by an individual or family member receiving assistive reproductive services. However, please be advised that GINA Title II does allow you to provide information about the medical condition of an employee’s spouse, parent or child to certify the need for leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).