681—3.149(8A) Leave of absence without pay. In the best interests of the institution and its employees and with approval of the resident director, a department head may grant an employee's requests for a leave of absence without pay for up to one year. With the same approval, such a leave may be extended for no more than one additional year.

On conclusion of a leave of absence without pay, employees, if qualified, will be returned to the position from which they were granted leave or to another position in the same class. If such a position no longer exists, the layoff provisions of these rules will take effect.