To whom this may concern,

I apologize for my inability to attend today's meeting. I wanted to be on this call, but I will be undergoing Chemotherapy as you read this.

As a victim of Cancer, I hope you could imagine how much I am currently relying on the Health and Welfare Coverage I currently have. This assisting in paying for the procedures I have undergone. If I had to split my contribution, it would make it very difficult to accumulate the hours needed to retain the medical coverage I currently have, ultimately placing me in a financial crisis. This could be catastrophic to my family and my wellbeing. I hope whoever hears this takes my concerns into consideration and understands the importance of my circumstances.

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