SUBJECT: Work Environment

INTENT: The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Institutional Requirements require policies regarding the work environment of the resident.

POLICY STATEMENT: Sponsoring institutions and hospitals engaged in graduate medical education must provide appropriate support services to minimize the work of residents extraneous to the educational programs.

DESCRIPTION:

1) Residents on duty in the hospital must be provided adequate and appropriate food services and sleeping quarters.

2) Patient support services, such as, intravenous services, phlebotomy services and laboratory services, as well as messenger and transporter services must be provided in a manner appropriate to, and consistent with, educational objectives and patient care.

3) An effective laboratory and radiologic information retrieval system must be in place to provide for appropriate conduct of the educational programs and quality and timely patient care.

4) A medical records system that documents the course of each patient’s illness and care must be available at all times and must be adequate to support the education of residents, quality-assurance activities, and provide a resource for scholarly activity.

5) Appropriate security and personal safety measures must be provided to residents in all locations including, but not limited to, parking facilities, on-call quarters, hospital and institutional grounds, and related clinical facilities.

6) Educational materials to support patient care in the working environment (computer with internet access, library material, etc.) must be immediately available at all times.

Accordingly, the Graduate Medical Education Committee will monitor these issues during the internal review process.

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