UC Riverside, School of Medicine Policies and Procedures

Policy Title: Program Reduction/Closure

**Policy Number:** 950-09-007

Responsible Officer:	Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education		
Responsible Office:	Graduate Medical Education		
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Scope:	UCR SOM Graduate Medical Education		

## I. Policy Summary

The Sponsoring Institution must inform the Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC), the Designated Institutional Official (DIO), and affected residents/fellows as soon as possible when it intends to reduce the size of or close one or more ACGME-accredited programs, or when the Sponsoring Institution intends to close.

#### II. Definitions

The Sponsoring Institution must allow residents/fellows already in an affected ACGME-accredited program(s) to complete their education at the Sponsoring Institution, or assist them in enrolling in (an) other ACGME- accredited program(s) in which they can continue their education.

### III. Policy Text

In the event that an ACGME-accredited training program is downsized or closed, UC Riverside School of Medicine will officially notify the trainee(s) at the earliest opportunity and will make every effort to relocate affected residents to another training program; and unless otherwise provided for, UC Riverside School of Medicine will continue to support the residents' salary and all benefits for the duration of their training.

## IV. Responsibilities

For residents temporarily relocated to an affiliated training site, UC Riverside's Office of Graduate Medical Education will work with the site to sustain resident salary and benefits.

#### V. Procedures

For residents temporarily assigned to a program at another institution, UC Riverside School of Medicine will work with CMS and the receiving institution to provide resident salary and benefits (according to the UCR graduate medical education stipend schedule) through the end of the current academic year.

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- **A.** As soon as possible prior to the end of the PGY contract, the program will inform the resident of his/her status within the program for the next academic year.
- **B.** If the UCR training program closes permanently, some transitional funding may be provided by UCR to the accepting institution.
- **C.** If the program is not permanently closed, but a resident decides to permanently transfer to another institution, the costs of salary and benefits will be covered by the accepting institution as of the date of transfer.

In the event that the sponsoring institution, UCR School of Medicine, must downsize or close, the School of Medicine will officially notify the trainee(s) at the earliest opportunity and will make every effort to relocate the residents to another training program.

UCR School of Medicine will ensure that CMS and the receiving institutions will provide resident salary and benefits until the end of the residents' training.

When a Sponsoring Institution (UCR School of Medicine) or major participating site's license is denied, suspended, or revoked, or when a Sponsoring Institution or participating site is required to curtail activities, or is otherwise restricted, that is a hospital loses its accreditation for patient care, the Sponsoring Institution will notify and provide a plan for its response to the Institutional Review Committee (IRC) within 30 days of such a loss. Based on the particular circumstances, the ACGME may invoke its procedures related to alleged egregious and/or catastrophic events.

# VI. Revision History

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