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Graduate Medical Education

POLICY ON TRANSPORTATION FOR HOUSE STAFF

University of Iowa Health Care and its Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) provide safe transportation for our resident and fellow physicians who either do not have access to call rooms or who are too fatigued to return safely home. Reimbursement funding for eligible Lyft or Uber rides is provided by University of Iowa Health Care through the GME budget. This policy is created to help house staff arrive home safely under the particular adverse circumstances described in this policy and not for convenience or to mitigate parking issues.

The following process must be followed:

- The house staff member must order their ride via their cell phone when they are immediately ready to leave the premises.

- The house staff member who ordered the ride must be the only passenger.

- The ride must be acquired from Lyft or Uber.

To receive reimbursement:

1. The ride must originate at the house staff member's work location. Request to be picked up at a specified location at the University of Iowa Health Care hospital facility or VAMC.

2. The destination of the ride must be the house staff member's local home as listed in his/her GME file. (rides to a parked car or return rides to site of origination are not provided by this safety-net policy).

3. A receipt showing the origin and destination of the ride should be sent to the GME Office. Reimbursement for up to a 20% tip is allowed.

For the limited number of house staff members who are scheduled for required rotations outside of Iowa City:

1. Call a cab company local to the community or use Uber or Lyft.

2. If using a local cab, pay the cab directly for the fare and request a receipt.

3. Bring the receipt to the GME Office within 30 days and before the expiration of the resident/fellow's GME contract. Reimbursement for up to a 20% tip is allowed.

4. The origin of the ride must be the work location and the destination of the ride must be the local apartment or housing of that external site.