



Change in Size or Number of Residency Programs

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Statement

Palmetto Health's goal is to optimally size and configure our GME programs to complement our mission and vision, to meet community medical needs, to strengthen our GME training programs, to meet ACGME and Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) Program requirements, and to fulfill our commitments to affiliated organizations. "Optimal" sizing and configuration means maintaining, decreasing, increasing, eliminating, or adding residency and fellowship positions and/or programs such that these changes are consistent with this goal.

Associated Policy(ies)

None

Responsible Positions (Title)

GME Office
Program Chairs
Program Directors
PH Program Evaluation Committee
PH/USC Medical Group
PH Senior Leadership

Equipment Needed

Flowchart for Complement Increase in GME Residency Program
Flowchart for Development and Approval of New GME Residency Program

Procedure Steps, Guidelines, Rules, or Reference

1. The DIO appoints members to a GME Configuration Subcommittee whose role is to monitor the size and configuration of Palmetto Health's GME programs and to make periodic recommendations on changes. The highest priority is placed on "preserving" those GME programs that are most consistent with the goal stated above.
2. Requests to develop a new residency program must follow the GME Residency Programs development and approval process (see flow chart).
3. Requests to increase the size of a residency program must follow the GME Residency Program Complement Increase approval process (see flow chart).
4. If the size of a residency program is being reduced, if a residency program is being closed, or if the Sponsoring Institution intends to close, then as much advance notice as possible is given to the affected residents and/or fellows.
5. In the event a program is downsized, we are committed to supporting those residents or fellows currently enrolled; in the event of program or Sponsoring Institution closure, we are committed to allowing those residents or fellows currently enrolled to complete their education within Palmetto Health or to assisting them in obtaining positions in other accredited programs.

References

ACGME Institutional Requirements IV.N

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