

Non- ACGME Fellowship Programs

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NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS POLICY OR IN ANY OTHER POLICY CREATES A CONTRACT RIGHT. CONSISTENT WITH SOUTH CAROLINA LAW, ALL EMPLOYEES ARE EMPLOYED "AT WILL," WHICH MEANS THAT THE EMPLOYEE HAS THE RIGHT TO TERMINATE HIS OR HER EMPLOYMENT AT ANY TIME, WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE OR CAUSE, AND THAT PALMETTO HEALTH RETAINS THE SAME RIGHT. EXCEPTIONS TO THE POLICY THAT ALL EMPLOYEES ARE EMPLOYED "AT WILL" MAY BE MADE ONLY BY WRITTEN AGREEMENT SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OF PALMETTO HEALTH.

Statement

Palmetto Health's Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) has oversight authority and responsibility for all aspects of postgraduate medical education, including non-ACGME fellowships. Approval for non-ACGME fellowships is considered when there is no ACGME accreditation of the specialty. Exceptions to ACGME accreditation may be considered on a case by case basis. Requests for exception must: 1) demonstrate prevalence of the non-ACGME accreditation model around the country (or justification for an innovative program); 2) substantiate the educational quality of the curriculum; and 3) include a sound business rationale.

Associated Policy(ies)

None

Responsible Positions (Title)

Fellows
Program Directors
GME Office

Equipment Needed

None

Procedure Steps, Guidelines, Rules, or Reference

1. Fellows in non-ACGME programs may be employed by Palmetto Health or School of Medicine departments. If employed by School of Medicine departments, they may be appointed as junior faculty. The employment decision must be made prior to a position being offered to a candidate and requires approval in advance by the DIO or his/her designee. Fellows in non-ACGME programs at Palmetto Health must have previously completed an ACGME accredited residency program.
2. Fellows in non-ACGME programs who are employed by Palmetto Health or School of Medicine departments may function as licensed independent practitioners and may provide patient care in inpatient and/or outpatient settings in or beyond their areas of current training, unless prohibited by the U. S. Code of Federal Regulation and the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS), e.g., fellows on J-1 visas, who are not permitted to work as licensed independent practitioners.
3. Where permitted, Palmetto Health or School of Medicine departments may bill for work done by fellows in non-ACGME programs in or beyond their areas of current training.
4. It is the responsibility of fellows in non-ACGME programs to obtain licensure for independent,

unsupervised medical practice and to provide proof of such licensure to the Administrative Director of Resident and Student Services prior to performing any such professional activities.

5. It is the responsibility of fellows in non-ACGME programs to obtain and provide professional liability insurance (malpractice) coverage for all professional activities and to provide proof of such coverage to the Administrative Director of Resident and Student Services prior to performing any such professional activities.
6. The Program Director must monitor independent practice efforts to ensure that they do not interfere with the educational experience of the fellow's training program or cause undue fatigue or stress

References

None