

## Non- ACGME Fellowship Programs

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### 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.

### 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.
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*