MEAL CARD POLICY

Policy Statement

Residents who participate in overnight activities at the George Washington University Hospital (GWUH) shall be provided, at the discretion of GWUH, funds to support nourishment in the form of food and drink from GWUH vendors. This benefit recognizes residents for their hard work and tireless efforts on behalf of patients.

Who Needs to Know This Policy

George Washington University Hospital Chief Medical Officer and meal card administrative staff; GW School of Medicine & Health Sciences residents; Program Directors.

Policy Contact

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Who Approved This Policy

Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC)

History/Revision Dates

Approved by GMEC: November 21, 2016
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**Policy/Procedures**

The Meal Card Program is available to all GWU residents who are in good standing and participate in overnight activities at GWUH.

Requirements and Stipulations:
1. The GW Hospital ID badge functions as a meal card for those residents eligible to receive funds for meals.
2. The Hospital determines the total amount of funding available for the meal card program and the Associate Dean for GME decides how this funding will be divided among the residency programs.
3. Names of eligible residents and meal card amounts are determined by each program director.
4. The total amount of money placed on the ID badge varies, depending on how often the resident is on call at GW Hospital each month. The amount allocated for each meal is $6.00.
5. Funds are placed on the ID badge annually or semi-annually; access is not linked to completion of medical records. Funds on the Hospital ID badge do not expire and may be used until the resident graduates from the residency program.
6. Meal tickets can be used at:
   a. The GWUH Cafeteria
   b. The Starbucks at GWUH Lobby Level
7. Residents must present the Hospital ID badge to the cashier at the time of purchase.

Any issues regarding this policy statement may be directed towards the Residents Committee at gwresidentcommittee@gmail.com