ALBERT EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

POLICY

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR RESIDENTS IN THE EVENT OF A DISASTER

Whereas: The Albert Einstein College of Medicine (AECOM) serves as the sponsoring institution for residency programs based at Montefiore Medical Center and Jacobi Medical Center; and,

Whereas: AECOM is the medical school affiliate for residency programs sponsored by the North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System, by the Beth Israel Medical Center in Manhattan, and by the Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center; and,

Whereas: The Institutional Requirements of the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) require that sponsoring institutions have a policy that addresses administrative support for GME programs and residents in the event of a disaster or disruption in patient care, and which includes assistance for continuation of resident assignments; now,

Therefore: AECOM and its clinical affiliates, Montefiore Medical Center, Jacobi Medical Center, Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center, North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System, and Beth Israel Medical Center in Manhattan (the AECOM-affiliated institutions) agree as follows:

1. In the event of a disaster or interruption of patient care that results in a disruption of residency training, AECOM and its affiliated institutions will collaborate and make best efforts to assist each other in identifying appropriate placements for residents whose programs have been adversely affected.

2. The Associate Dean for GME of AECOM will provide a central point for communications with respect to resident placements and relocations among the affiliated institutions.

3. To the extent feasible, given the patient volume and the institutional and programmatic resources, the comparable training program(s) the affiliated programs will make every effort to accommodate the displaced residents.

4. To the extent feasible given the nature of a disaster and its financial impact on affected institutions, and subject to the ability of other institutions to which residents are relocated to seek GME reimbursement for the relocated residents, the AECOM-affiliated institution that has been the employer of any dislocated residents shall retain financial responsibility for the residents' salary and benefits until such time as an agreement may be reached to transfer this responsibility to another institution to which the resident has been relocated.

5. The AECOM-affiliated institutions will cooperate in application to the ACGME, to medical specialty boards, and to state and federal agencies that fund GME, for transfer of authorization for numbers of trainees and funds to support dislocated residents.

6. AECOM-affiliated institutions will consider the needs of the other affiliated institutions in placing dislocated residents from within the affiliation network.
7. In all instances the selection and appointment of a displaced resident is at the sole discretion of the program director of the host training program.

Notwithstanding this agreement to cooperate, none of the AECOM-affiliated institutions shall be precluded from seeking to place dislocated residents within any other network with which they may be affiliated.

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