

**SECTION:** Graduate Medical Education Policies

**ISSUED:** 12/15/2005

**SUBJECT:** Residency Closure/Reduction

**REVISED:**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this policy is to define the obligations of Rhode Island Hospital to House Officers in the event that the number of positions in a training program is reduced, or the training program is discontinued.

**POLICY:** In the event that Rhode Island Hospital finds it necessary to reduce the size of an ACGME-accredited program or close a residency program, the Graduate Medical Education Office of Rhode Island Hospital will inform the affected House Officers as early as possible. The institution will allow House Officers already in the program to complete their education or assist the House Officers in enrolling in an ACGME-accredited program in which they can continue their education.

**PROCEDURE:** When it is determined that a Rhode Island Hospital sponsored residency program must reduce the number of positions or close, the Graduate Medical Education Office will inform the affected House Officers in writing of the intentions. The institution will endeavor to allow House Officers in the program to complete their training in the program, or if that is not possible, the GME office and the Program Director will assist the House Officers in locating another appropriate training program and will ensure proper disposition of the House Officers' education records.