



**Department of Medicine
Internal Medicine Residency Program**

ON CALL MEAL MONEY

The Department of Medicine adheres to the GME Office policy for On Call Meal Money:

Policy

MUSC provides money for meals from the MUSC cafeteria, the Ashley River Tower Cafeteria, Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital cafeteria and all other MUSC Corner Cafés while the Resident is on call within the Hospital. Residents may not use provided money to purchase gift cards at other establishments, i.e., Starbucks.

Procedure

All Residents will receive \$60 per month for a meal allowance. Those Residents who are scheduled for 24-hour in-house call shifts will receive an additional \$25 per scheduled shift. Residents in departments with inpatient services scheduled for home-call shifts receive an additional \$5 per scheduled shift. Residents that conduct a night float shift will receive \$1 per scheduled shift. Residents are only allowed to maintain a maximum balance of \$500.00 for their meal allowance at the time of the monthly deposit. Only clinical programs (including Residents and Fellows) that are accredited, either by the ACGME or the ADA, and have a Resident agreement with the GME Office will participate in the meal card program. The \$60 meal allowance and the additional supplement for call shifts will be distributed monthly. Program Coordinators, or designated individuals, are responsible for informing the GME Office which Residents are scheduled for call each month. (Note: A copy of the call schedule is not sufficient.) This list must be submitted three business days prior to the end of the preceding month to ensure timely disbursement onto the Residents' meal cards. Any departments who do not submit this list on time will only receive the \$60 meal allowance with no additional funds for call shifts. Semi-annually, the GME Office will reevaluate the monthly allowance and revise it, if needed, as a result of an increase/decrease in the number of Residents or the number of 24-hour call shifts worked during the previous six months. Any Resident who misuses meal funds will be subject to disciplinary action by the Designated Institutional Official.

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