



# OMECO

## **Graduate Medical Education Policy**

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### **Policy Title: Closures and Reductions Policy**

**Purpose:** To describe the methods of Closures and Reductions for Trainees.

**Policy Type:** Sponsoring Institution/Sponsored Program Policy

### **Closures and Reductions**

1. OSU-CHS/OMECO and Sponsored Programs must inform the GMEC, DIO, and the Trainees of affected program(s) as soon as possible when the Sponsoring Institution or a Sponsored Program intends to reduce the size of or close one or more programs, or when the OSU-CHS/OMECO or a Sponsored Program intends to close.
2. OSU-CHS/OMECO or Sponsored Program must either allow Trainees already in the program(s) to complete their education or make every effort to assist the residents affected in enrolling in an ACGME-accredited program(s) in which they can continue their education. All necessary documentation including assessments, schedules of training completed, procedures satisfactorily completed, and any other assessments or records requested by an accepting program and/or required by ACGME will be provided.
3. To the greatest extent possible, OSU-CHS/OMECO Sponsored Programs supporting Trainees from programs undergoing closure will provide reimbursement agencies (e.g., CMS) with necessary information so that GME reimbursement caps can be directed to the receiving institution.
4. In the event of reduction of program size, Trainees already in the program will be allowed to complete the program, and only future positions offered in the program(s) will be reduced.
5. If as the result of a disaster situation a Sponsored Program or the Sponsoring Institution cannot provide at least an adequate educational experience for each of its residents/fellows the *Disasters, Continuation of Resident Salary, Benefits, and Assignments Policy* will be followed.

If there are discrepancies between Sponsored Program and Sponsoring Institution policies, in general the stricter of the two policies will apply; however, the Sponsoring Institution and the Sponsored Programs will work collaboratively to come to consensus in areas of debate.