

**LEHIGH VALLEY HOSPITAL
Graduate Medical Education**

GME Policy - Resident Meals

The Lehigh Valley Health Network's residency programs will fund a debit card/meal program for graduate trainee physicians

- A. Individual debit card accounts will be established for all Lehigh Valley Health Network graduate trainees who work in the hospital.
- B. The graduate trainee accounts will carry a maximum dollar limit for the year. Each program will choose the amount appropriated per resident. The residency programs will budget necessary funds to support graduate trainee meals for the academic year.
- C. Amounts will not be dependent, nor vary, based on the monthly rotation to which the graduate trainee is assigned.
- D. The hospital identification (ID) badge of each graduate trainee will serve as the actual debit card. If the graduate trainee does not present a valid hospital ID badge, the cafeteria staff will be unable to charge the graduate trainee account.
- E. The debit card account will be valid in the Food Court at the 17th campus, LVH-M Food Court, LVH-M Starbucks at the Family Health Pavillion and at the Food Court, Starbucks Coffee Cart and Coffee Shop at the CC campus and at the 1250 Café at Cedar Crest.
- F. Graduate trainees may carry a monetary balance in their account from month-to-month. Dollar amounts are valid for one academic year. Funds will not carry over to the next academic year.
- G. Graduate trainees will not receive any form of cash payment in lieu of debit card funds.
- H. All graduate trainees currently enrolled in training programs are eligible.
- I. The Food Services Department will maintain records of all graduate trainee on-call charges. The charges will be allocated via interdepartmental transfer on a monthly basis, and paid by the respective residency programs.
- J. When the cafeteria(s) are closed at one of the LVHN hospital campuses and a

graduate trainee is on call and in need of a hot meal, an “after hour on call meal service” is available to them at a cost of \$7 charged to their meal account. Graduate trainees may access this service with security escort to the kitchen where a variety of frozen entrees are available to them. Microwave oven is available for use in the kitchen, the graduate trainee lounge and other designated areas throughout each of the hospitals.

- K. While graduate trainees are at any other participating institutions for electives, the letter of agreement will specify meal coverage at that institution.

Approved by the Graduate Medical Education Committee

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