

**DINING SUPPORT POLICY
FOR
ELIGIBLE HOUSE STAFF**

DINING SUPPORT DURING EXTENDED IN-HOUSE DUTY HOURS

For those house staff members who are required to remain in the hospital for sustained periods of time, the UIHC provides a dining subsidy via an ID badge charge system, which loads individual ID badges with pre-determined annual amounts of 'dining dollars.' The House Staff Council and the Graduate Medical Education Committee endorses this policy. When used according to this policy, these dining monies, which are funded by the UIHC, are non-taxable to eligible house staff members.

- **Availability:** Dining support may be used at any time of the day, on any day of the week, at any time of the year, beginning July 1 and ending June 30.
- **Charging Process:** All GME dining dollars are used by the house staff member via a charge to his/her ID badge at the time of check-out in a UIHC cafeteria. The house staff member must tell the cashier that he/she is using GME dining support.
- **Allocation:** The dollar amount loaded onto each ID badge varies by training program based on assessment of the frequency of three types of clinical activities when the resident or fellow physician is required to remain in the hospital for sustained periods of time: traditional 24-hour in-house call; 12-hour night shifts; and \geq 12-hour weekend or holiday shifts. Unused amounts do not accrue to the next year. After the total allocation is expended, the house staff member is responsible for paying charges that exceed the individual's annual allocation.
- **Balances:** House staff members may check dining dollar balances by asking the cashier for a receipt after a point of transaction.