

## **GME POLICY ON TAXI TRANSPORTATION FOR HOUSE STAFF**

The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC) and its Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) provide safe transportation for our resident and fellow physicians who either do not have access to call rooms or who are too fatigued to return safely home. Funding for eligible taxi rides is provided by UIHC through the GME budget.

The following process must be followed:

- The house staff member must place the call for a taxi ride when he/she is immediately ready to leave the premises.
- The house staff member who called for the ride must be the only passenger in the cab.
- The cab company must be a local cab company:
  - In the Iowa City/Coralville area:
    1. Call Yellow Cab Company at 319/338-9777 (a special contract to serve GME needs exists with Yellow Cab Company).
    2. Request to be picked up at a specified location at UIHC or VAMC.
    3. Show the driver the resident or fellow physician's UIHC identification badge (that reads "Resident Physician," "Fellow Physician," or "Resident Dentist"). GME will be charged for the ride; cash payments are not necessary.
    4. The destination of the taxi ride must be the house staff member's local home as listed in his/her MedHub records (taxi rides to a parked car or return taxi rides to site of origination are not provided by this policy).
  - For the limited number of house staff members who are scheduled for required rotations outside of Iowa City:
    1. Call a cab company local to the community.
    2. Pay the cab directly for the fare and request a receipt.
    3. Bring the receipt to the GME Office within 30 days and before the expiration of the resident/fellow's GME contract.
    4. The destination of the taxi ride must be the local apartment or housing of that external site.