The ability to get to and from regularly scheduled shifts is an expected and essential part of employment, even when these shifts are overnight shifts. However, in medicine unexpected circumstances arise that require physician presence beyond the expected shift or that require intense commitment. Under such circumstances, a resident or fellow may be too fatigued to safely commute. The GME office will offer reimbursement for round trip transportation costs to help ensure that UTHealth Residents and Fellows, get home safely after work. This reimbursement is available to any Resident (or Fellow) that elects to use a transportation service to get home instead of driving their vehicle while fatigued.

The resident must choose an app-based service (Uber, Lyft, Mytaxi, etc.) to show the trip details and submit the receipts within 10 business days according to the parameters listed below:

- Provide a screenshot or printout from the app.
- Receipt must show the trip address from a valid training site to the resident’s verifiable home address (listed in New Innovations).
- Return trip must show the home address to a valid training site.
- Receipts must be submitted to Program Administration within 10 business days.

Upon submission of the receipts to the program:

- The program director will vet the receipts and information provided.
- The program administrator will send the vetted receipts with the completed and signed form to GME for voucher processing.

The program administrator will submit reimbursement paperwork to the GME office within 20 business days of the receipts’ date on an electronic form with the following information:

- Name of Trainee
- Trainee Status (RES 1, 2,...FEL 1, 2)
- Program
- Dates of Travel
- Trainee Vendor Code
- Total Amount
- Copy of receipts

Fatigued residents are encouraged to use this service as necessary. Use will be monitored by GME. Residents will not be reimbursed when preemptively using a transportation service as routine transportation to work as the program’s intended purpose is to protect residents that feel overly fatigued at the end of their shift.
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