Purpose
This policy will define non-ACGME fellowships and their responsibility to GMEC.

Policy
All proposed non-ACGME accredited programs must be approved by GMEC, and must not compete with or take cases from the existing ACGME accredited programs.

If ACGME accreditation becomes available for an established non-ACGME accredited program, the program must apply for ACGME accreditation as quickly as possible unless completion of the program will NOT lead toward board certification.

Similar to accredited programs, non-ACGME accredited programs must obtain GMEC approval in order to:
- Apply for initial program approval and GME-sponsorship
- Increase the resident complement
- Appoint a new Program Director
- Add a new site
- Change program length or structure

Educational Agreements: All non-ACGME accredited program must maintain Program Letters of Agreement for all participating sites to ensure educational and risk management oversight.

Whenever possible, physicians participating in a non-ACGME accredited program who will be billing for services should be appointed as a member of the Faculty in an Instructor/Fellow title. A grant, medical board, or visa sponsor may require that the physician be appointed instead as a Fellow.

1. Instructor/Fellow:

   These positions:
   a. Are subject to the policies and procedures established by Faculty Affairs pertaining to faculty. They are not subject to GME policies or oversight, with the exception of those procedures described above as requiring GMEC approval.
   b. Are not eligible for benefits or professional liability insurance through GME, so programs must factor in the cost of benefits for the Faculty appointment when setting the salary rate.
   c. Shall obtain Medical Staff appointment (and privileges as applicable) at the primary training site. They shall be responsible to the Medical Staff Bylaws, Rules & Regulations, Policies/Procedures, and Medical Billing requirements of the site. Contact UPI for questions regarding billing requirements.
2. **Fellow:**

   **These positions:**
   a. Are limited to physicians in non-ACGME accredited programs who are not eligible for the Instructor/Fellow appointment and/or are not eligible to bill for services.
   b. Will receive benefits and professional liability coverage through GME.
   c. May be compensated at a lower rate than Instructor/Fellows, due to the disparity in the cost of benefits.
   d. Are appropriate for physicians on ECFMG-sponsored J-1 visas because they are prohibited from billing directly for services rendered.
   e. Are subject to [GME policies](#) indicated in the table below.

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