I. PURPOSE

To provide institutional guidelines regarding residency closure and reductions.

II. SCOPE

This policy is applicable to all members of the housestaffs

III. DEFINITIONS

Housestaff - refers to all interns, residents and subspecialty residents (fellows) enrolled in a RUTGERS Robert Wood Johnson Medical School postgraduate training program.

IV. RESPONSIBILITY/REQUIREMENTS

The RUTGERS Robert Wood Johnson Medical School recognizes the need and benefits of graduate medical education. RUTGERS Robert Wood Johnson Medical School will provide programs in graduate medical education, which emphasize personal, clinical and professional development and encourage an awareness of, and responsiveness to, ethical and human aspects of health care among the health professionals. RUTGERS Robert Wood Johnson Medical School will ensure that all of its graduate medical education programs meet or exceed the Institutional and Special Requirements promulgated by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and its individual Residency Review Committees.

A. Policy:

RUTGERS Robert Wood Johnson Medical School agrees to notify the Graduate Medical Education Committee, the Designated Institutional Official and all involved housestaff of any adverse actions by the ACGME affecting their graduate medical education programs. If the program cannot correct the citations and the ACGME withdraws accreditation or if the University decides to voluntarily withdraw accreditation and close the residency program, the University will attempt to phase out the program over a period of time to allow the housestaff currently in the program to finish training. If this is not possible, the University and the Program Director will assist the resident physician(s) in obtaining another accredited residency program position.

In the event that the University decides to reduce the number of housestaff positions in any graduate medical education program, the housestaff will be notified. The University will attempt to reduce the numbers over a period of time so that it will not affect the housestaff currently in the program. If this is not
possible, the University and the involved Program Director(s) will assist the affected house officers in obtaining another residency program position.

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