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**NATIONAL CAPITAL CONSORTIUM POLICY ON CLOSURE OR REDUCTION IN SIZE
OF ACGME-ACCREDITED PROGRAMS OR CLOSURE OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL
CONSORTIUM AS THE SPONSORING INSTITUTION**

ACGME Requirements: IV.O and IV.O.1-2

CLOSURE OR REDUCTION IN SIZE OF ACGME-ACCREDITED PROGRAMS:

If the NCC should find it necessary, in response to changing needs of the Uniformed Services, to reduce the size of a residency program or to close a residency program, the NCC will inform the DIO, GMEC, the trainees in the program, and the ACGME, as soon as possible. In the event of such a reduction or closure, the NCC will make every effort to allow trainees already in the program to complete their education. If any trainees are displaced by the closure or a reduction in the number of trainees, the NCC will make every effort to assist the trainees in identifying a program in which they can continue their education, and in obtaining a transfer to that program.

**CLOSURE OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL CONSORTIUM AS THE SPONSORING
INSTITUTION:**

If for any reason it is determined that the National Capital Consortium will no longer serve as the sponsoring institution for ACGME-accredited programs, the DIO will immediately notify the ACGME, the NCC Board of Directors, the Directors of Medical Education, Program Directors and the GMEC. Every effort will be made to allow trainees currently enrolled to complete their training before closing programs and then sponsoring institution. If not, the Offices of the Surgeons General will work with the facility DIOs, DMEs and affected PDs to identify capabilities at other military training programs to allow trainees to relocate permanently (via Permanent Change of Station [PCS]) orders, so that their training can continue with minimal interruption at another military training facility. If such capability is not available within military programs, then, after input from the Offices of the Surgeons General specialty consultant(s) in the affected specialties, sponsored training at civilian institutions will be actively pursued. Additionally, the Directors of Medical Education will also work with the military personnel commands to facilitate official military orders for individuals who must permanently relocate. Because all affected individuals will remain on active duty, there will be no interruption of pay or benefits for any affected trainees.

Per ACGME Institutional Requirements, effective 1 July 2022.

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