

# Spokane Teaching Health Center

## **RESIDENT MEAL CARDS POLICY**

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The ACGME Institutional requirements state: “The Sponsoring Institution provides access to food while on duty at all participating sites” (access to food, not paying for food).

1. The food allocation is not a formal part of your benefits. It is given to residents in recognition and thanks for their hours of hard work and dedication to patient care.
2. The intent of these monies is to offset meal cost for residents WHILE they are working, i.e. you would be consuming the nourishment during work hours. (Monies are not given to stock home supplies.)
3. Monies will be loaded onto the resident meal card at the beginning of each academic year.
4. The resident is responsible for checking the totals for how much money remains for the year with the cashier.
5. The program administrators will inform a resident if the meal monies have been depleted prior to the end of the academic year. Any further outlays for food will then be the resident’s responsibility.
6. Unused dollars cannot be transferred to the next academic year. There is no cash value to this allocation.
7. Monies for each resident are the same. Programs and their residents have discretion about allocation (for example, programs may wish to have residents with hospital intensive rotations with call receive more monies than residents in clinic intensive years. The overall totals would remain the same in per resident amount).