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TITLE: Duty Hours Exception

Some ACGME Specialty/Subspecialty Review Committees may grant exceptions for up to 10% or a maximum of 88 hours to individual programs based on a sound educational rationale.

PROCEDURE:

The UVM Medical Center Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) must approve any duty hours exception requests prior to submission to the ACGME Specialty/Subspecialty Review Committee.

- Approval of a duty hours exception by the GMEC must be based on a sound educational justification. All hours in the extended work week must contribute to the resident education.
- The program director is responsible for submitting the 80-hour exception request to the GMEC, using the letter format appropriate to the ACGME Specialty or Subspecialty Review Committee to which it will be sent for approval.
- Following GMEC approval, the GME Designated Institutional Official (DIO) must sign the request letter.
- The program director is responsible for submitting the signed request letter to the Specialty/Subspecialty Review Committee.
- The exception is valid only if approved by the Specialty/Subspecialty Review Committee.

DEFINITIONS: None

REFERENCES: Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, Institutional Requirements

REVIEWERS: DIO, GMEC

OWNER: Dir GME

APPROVING OFFICIAL: DIO, GMEC