

# Meal Ticket Policy

## Current

On-call meal tickets will be issued by the office of the department for which you are taking call. The on-call meal program is a benefit which we request you use judiciously. There is a \$6.00 limit per meal per ticket. Expenditures above \$6.00 will be paid by you out-of-pocket. Your department will credit the cafeteria account with an amount appropriate for the number of call nights to which you will be assigned. This account may be accessed by use of your MMC ID badge when exiting the check-out line in the cafeteria. On-call meal allotments should be used by the resident, and not by medical student or attending.

Arrangements can be made to have meals deducted directly from your paycheck by using their ID badge.

You can set this up by visiting the Food Service Department and filling out an authorization form.

*Note: This policy will be changing in 2021.*

## Effective October 1, 2021

### Guiding Principle:

Meal ticket monies represent a valued financial perk to support residents/fellows in meal procurement while working hospital-based rotations with the greatest number of hours, nights and weekends.

### Policy:

Meal ticket resources will be allocated to residency/fellowship programs proportionally to the number of "service months" worked by trainees in total, as a percent of total service months worked by all trainees at MMC:

- "Service month" is defined as an inpatient rotation with significantly long weekday shifts, in addition to night/weekend call.
- "Service month" excludes consult rotations, electives, and rotations that allow moonlighting opportunities and primarily outpatient-based rotations.
- Number of "service months" worked determined by Program Director of individual program.

### Oversight:

- Approved by the GMEC Executive Committee July 2020.

- Programs will be responsible for notifying the Chair of the GMEC Finance Sub-Committee if the rotation schedule within their programs significantly increase or decrease.
- All new programs/expansions will include meal ticket funds in initial pro forma requests.