

Rush University Medical Center
Graduate Medical Education
Policy on Post-Call Transportation Service

Any member of the Rush housestaff may request post-call transportation if he or she believes it would be unsafe to drive home due to extreme fatigue. Generally, this would occur after being on duty in the hospital for more than 24 continuous hours. If it is not feasible for the resident/fellow to go to a call room to rest before returning home, or receive a ride home from a colleague or co-worker, GME will authorize reimbursement of up to \$50 for a taxi ride home.

If the house officer cannot arrange for return transportation, GME will reimburse the cost of a taxi ride to the nearest Metra or CTA Rapid Transit station as well as the cost of the train ride back to Rush.

After incurring the expense, the resident/fellow must obtain a receipt from the taxi driver. This original receipt is to be submitted to the program coordinator, who will forward the requests for reimbursement to the Office of Graduate Medical Education within 30 days of the occurrence. The receipt is to be attached to a Rush GME Mileage Reimbursement Request signed by the housestaff and the program director explaining the circumstances that created the need for this service (the date and text should be written in Section B where rotation dates are usually indicated).

The program leadership must monitor usage of this service and discuss any apparent overuse with the house officer(s). This trial experiment will begin immediately and be reviewed periodically and, if necessary, adjusted based on usage and need by GMEC decision.

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