**ACMC Emergency Medicine Residency Critical Capacity Call Policy Policy**

**The Critical Capacity Call system (CCC) is a mandated, scheduled aspect of the ACMC EM Residency Curriculum. Responsibility for working CCC shifts is shared by all residents.**

This modification of the Critical Capacity Call (CCC) policy is created to be in compliance with the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and the Illinois Department of Finance and Professional Regulation (IDFPR).

The CCC schedule will cover 5 Pediatric Emergency Department (PED) overnight shifts per week, Monday night through Friday night.  Residents will not cover CCC shifts on major holidays (Christmas, New Year's Eve and Day, Thanksgiving).  In addition, resident will not be scheduled for the CCC on another major religious holiday if they practice that religion.

The shift timing will be the same as other overnight shifts, from 11:00 pm to 7:00 am.  Clinical duties and responsibilities, and direct supervision by faculty Emergency Medicine (EM) attending physicians will be the same as during any other PED shift.

Third year (PGY3) residents with a permanent Illinois Medical License may sign up for the additional 2 open overnight PED shifts per week as moonlighting.  Otherwise these shifts will be scheduled as part of the usual ED schedule.

If at the end of the academic year all residents have worked their appropriate mandated assigned number of CCC shifts and a few residents need to work an extra CCC shift to complete the total number of annual CCC shifts in an academic year, that is understandable, but individual shift numbers need to be watched carefully throughout the year in order to ensure compliance and an even assignment of CCC shifts.  I have asked Dr. Michael Cirone as Assistant Program Director and lead of resident scheduling to provide oversight to this process.

**Specific Logistics:**

1. At the beginning of each academic year, Scheduling Chief Residents will assign the months that each resident will work CCC shifts. The process of creating the annual Master Block schedule will remain the same whereas the Program Director will create the PGY1 schedule and the PGY2 and PGY3 classes will create their annual Block schedules in the spring of each academic year. Once the annual Master Block schedule for the upcoming academic year is finalized, along with vacations, the Scheduling Chiefs will then assign the months each resident will work CCC shifts.

2.  CCC Shift requirement totals by class:

**PGY1: 4 CCC shifts total/year**   
- CCC shifts will only be assigned during full EM months (1 max shift each 4 week rotation), Ultrasound (1 max shift per 2 week rotation), anesthesia (1 max shift per 2 week rotation)

**PGY2: 7 CCC shifts total/year**   
- CCC shifts will only be assigned during full EM months (1 max shift each 4 week EM rotation), EMS/Adminstration (3 max shifts per 4 week rotation), Elective (3 max shifts per 4 week Elective; 1 max shift per 2 week Elective). Electives that are not local, or involve high clinical demands such as MICU, will not be eligible for CCC. Residents will be responsible for identifying their potentially CCC ineligible electives as early as possible in the academic year and communicating this to the Scheduling Chief Residents.

**PGY3: 7 shifts total/year** with the option of working Saturday/Sunday/Holiday PED overnight shifts as moonlighting if they have a permanent IL medical license   
- CCC shifts will only be assigned during full EM months (1 max shift each 4 week rotation), Elective (3 max shifts per 4 week Elective; 1 max shift per 2 week Elective). Electives that are not local, or involve high clinical demands, e.g. MICU, will not be eligible for CCC. Residents will be responsible for identifying their potentially CCC ineligible electives as early as possible in the academic year and communicating this to the Scheduling Chief Residents.

3.  The process for scheduling requests will be the same as it currently is for EM months.

- Residents scheduled for EM rotations in the ED will indicate their need off/wish off days, as usual.  
- Residents scheduled for off service rotations eligible for CCC may request off only days that they need for a wedding/family event/personal life event, understanding that they will otherwise be randomly assigned to CCC coverage.  This mirrors the process used for scheduling the ED.

4. Each month, the scheduling Chief Residents will enter shift totals into ByteBloc for each resident. The shift totals will vary, depending on who is on rotations eligible for CCC shifts that month. ByteBloc will then generate the typical, random schedule, randomly assigning residents to CCC shifts as part of the schedule generator. The CCC schedule will be issued monthly at the same time as the usual ED schedule.  As always, work (duty) hour compliance is mandatory.

5. Scheduling Chief Residents will then review the schedule and evenly distribute the number of CCC shifts to each resident eligible for CCC that month, and ensure that residents on off service rotations are not working more than the maximum allowed CCC shifts per month.

6. Overnight PED shifts on weekends and holidays may be picked up by PGY3 residents with a permanent IL medical license as moonlighting.

7. If licensed PGY3 residents on an ED rotation do not want to work the weekend/holiday shifts, they are eligible, along with all other residents on an ED rotation that month, to be assigned to work the overnight PED shift as a usual scheduled shift (non CCC) without compensatory pay.

8. We will continue to utilize the same current reporting mechanism that Program Coordinator Angelica Flores provides to the GME office every two weeks for the CCC. There will be an adjustment by adding a column to identify if senior residents with a permanent IL State Medical License are working the 2 weekend non-CCC overnight PED shifts as moonlighting, as those need to be coded differently.

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