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From: Mary Beth Pohl, Deputy Director-Research and Methodology

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Re: Replacement of the HSCRC Schedule IRS (Intern and Resident Survey)

The purpose of this memo is to inform hospitals of the HSCRC staff's intent to replace the Schedule IRS (Intern and Resident Survey) with a survey that will count the time that interns, residents, and eligible fellows provided patient care at the hospital using a full time equivalency-based methodology.

The Schedule IRS allows each hospital to report the interns, residents, and eligible fellow data for HSCRC use in calculating the Graduate Medical Education (GME) adjustment to the Reasonableness of Charges (ROC) and the Inter-hospital Cost Comparison (ICC) methodologies of the Commission. The Schedule IRS, completed by hospitals and due to the HSCRC by January 15th, lists interns, residents, and eligible fellows who performed services in that hospital on the Tuesday following Labor Day.

Instead of relying on the Schedule IRS's one day snapshot to represent GME counts for the entire year, HSCRC staff intends to find a suitable replacement that will provide a full time equivalency (FTE) count of the time that interns/residents/fellows provided patient care at the hospital. Data from Medicare's Intern and Resident Information System (IRIS) may serve as a potential replacement.

HSCRC staff will initiate a GME Workgroup to begin meeting in late September to discuss options for transition to an FTE-based schedule.

If you have any questions regarding this memo or would like to serve on the GME Workgroup, please email Mary Pohl, Deputy Director -Research and Methodology, at mpohl@hscrc.state.md.us.