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Dear Colleagues,

The news that Hahnemann University Hospital will be closing has raised many questions among medical students, residents, and our member medical schools and teaching hospitals. Since the news was announced, the AAMC has been in communication with the ACGME, ECFMG, and CMS to help facilitate a smooth transition for all learners affected by this closing. We have also fielded many calls from member institutions about the situation.

Hahnemann officials have told us that they have deactivated all of their programs in ERAS as of July 3. In advance of the ERAS opening this month, the AAMC ERAS team is working to make sure the program listings reflect this change. You can help by checking with your DIOs and residency program directors to ensure open residency or fellowship positions are listed in Find a Resident.

In addition, we have communicated with the Group on Resident Affairs (GRA), program directors, and the Organization of Resident Representatives (ORR) to share [information](#) about standard rules that apply for financing when a residency program closes.

As a reminder, there is a federal process for the redistribution of residency positions for closed hospitals. Janis Orłowski, MD, AAMC chief health care officer, is leading the response in working closely with CMS. The agency has advised us that any hospital that adds current Hahnemann residents above their cap following the CMS guidelines will receive a temporary adjustment and continue to receive payment for those above the cap.

The AAMC participated in a call with CMS and the leaders at Hahnemann and Drexel today to confirm the rules and Medicare support. The ACGME also has advised us that they will be flexible on accreditation.

We are continuing to work actively with all stakeholders and will keep the community informed as we know more. Additionally, both [ACGME](#) and [ECFMG](#) have posted notices on their respective websites that may provide additional helpful information.

If you have any questions about the impact of the Hahnemann closure on your programs, please contact Dr. Orłowski at [jorlowski@aamc.org](mailto:jorlowski@aamc.org).

Thank you,

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