I. Policy Statement
   A. The purpose of this policy is to specify a procedure that is in compliance with Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) program requirements for action in the event a training physician’s contract will not be renewed for the following year.
   B. This policy is important because it defines procedures and documentation of the issues as well as setting forth actions available to the resident. Compliance with ACGME program requirements is necessary for continued institutional and program accreditation.

II. Definitions
   Not Applicable

III. Process/Content
   A. The program director must provide a written notice to the resident indicating that the resident’s contract for the following year will not be renewed. Reasons and justification for non-renewal of the contract must be adequately outlined. The written intent must be given to the resident no later than four (4) months prior to the end of the current appointment.
   B. If the primary reason for non-renewal of the contract occurs within four (4) months prior to the end of the current appointment, the program director must provide written notice as early as circumstances will allow, prior to the end of the appointment.
   C. The resident must be allowed to implement the institution’s grievance procedures as stated in GME-09 Grievance Policy for Residents and Fellows, including those outlined in the Policy to Address Resident Concerns (GME-13).

IV. Attachments
   A. GME 13 Policy to Address Resident Concerns
   B. GME-09 Grievance Policy for Residents and Fellows
V. References, Regulatory References, Related Documents, or Links
   Not Applicable