6.1 An eligible represented House Staff Physician will receive an on-call meal allowance of twelve dollars ($12.00) per meal to be used at the University of California at San Diego (UCSD) Health System cafeteria. Any unused portion of the House Staff Physician's monthly meal allowance may be added to the next month meal allowance. However, any unused portion of a represented House Staff Physician's meal allowance may not be carried over to the next fiscal year. A House Staff Physician is not eligible for any cash reimbursement of an unused meal allowance. The purpose of the meal allowance is to purchase a meal while the House Staff Physician is on on-call status, meal allowances cannot be used for "bulk" purchases.

6.2 Fiscal year is defined as July 1 through June 30.

6.3 Meal allowance for represented House Officers will be distributed as follows:

**Group 1:** House Officers taking traditional 24-hour in-house-call

- **Weekends/Holidays:** 3 meals/24 hours
- **Weeknights:** 2 meals/24 hours

**Group 2:** House Officers working shifts; physically present in the hospital after hours

- **Weekends/Holidays:** 2 meals/after hours shift
- **Weeknights:** 1 meal/after hours shift

**Group 3:** House Officers taking at-home-call

- Applies to first call only
- Assumes on average get called in approximately half of monthly call nights
- Residents on at-home-call will receive one (1) meal every two calls, regardless of weekend or weeknight, assuming the Resident is called in 50% of the time. If Residents are called in more than 50% of the time and can provide documentation of this, the meal allowance for that Resident will increase accordingly.

**House Officers rotating on other services will receive the respective meal allowance from the receiving service depending on which call group above they fall into.**