ARTICLE 26: RESIDENT PATIENT CARE & QUALITY IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Residents who serve as Housestaff Safety Officers (HSOs) for their residency program shall be members of the Housestaff Safety Committee (HSSC) and Housestaff Quality Council (HSQC).

B. The mission of the HSSC & HSQC in matters related to quality improvement and patient care includes: (a) meeting bimonthly and as necessary to improve patient care by implementing quality improvement initiatives; (b) publishing an annual report including a summary of Council activities taken to improve quality and safety; and (c) publishing a synopsis of significant Housestaff quality improvement projects.

C. The HSSC & HSQC missions involve making recommendations to the Quality and Safety Oversight Committee (QSOC) by residents who serve as Housestaff Safety Officers (“HSOs”), as well as residents who do not serve as HSOs. These recommendations may include the purchase of medical equipment, patient materials, educational supplies, and/or quality improvement projects to enhance patient care at UCIMC. Examples of quality improvement projects eligible for consideration for funding include technology which will remain the property of UCIMC, expenses related to guest speakers on quality improvement, and supplies and materials for quality improvement projects. All purchases pursuant to this provision shall be made pursuant to UCIMC purchasing policies and procedures, and shall be in accordance with established budgets for such expenditures.

D. All decisions related to such recommendations are not subject to review under the terms of the grievance and arbitration procedures of the contract.