A. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish mandatory billing compliance orientation for all new residents and fellows enrolled in an approved Graduate Medical Education (GME) program through Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC).

B. **POLICY**

All new residents or fellows enrolled in an approved GME program at TTUHSC School of Medicine or Paul L. Foster School of Medicine (Schools of Medicine) shall receive billing compliance orientation as set forth in this policy.

C. **SCOPE**

This policy shall apply to all new residents or fellows enrolled in an approved GME program at TTUHSC.

D. **PROCEDURE**

1. **Scheduling**

   a. The Regional Billing Compliance Director (Director) shall coordinate with their regional GME office to provide billing compliance orientation to new residents and fellows. Whenever possible, such orientation should be provided as part of new resident orientation, which may include on-line education modules followed by a brief in-person introduction as part of the on-site orientation.

   b. Directors should coordinate with either the regional GME office or department residency director to receive notification of new residents or fellows who start outside the normal residency cycle year in order to provide new resident orientation.

2. **Content**

   a. Directors are responsible for the content of materials provided during new resident billing compliance orientation. Such information may include, but is not limited to:
i. Fraud, Waste and Abuse laws
iii. Teaching Physician Documentation Rules.
iv. Relevant TTUHSC Operating Policy, Billing Compliance Policies and/or Clinical policies.
v. Links to the Billing Compliance website and other relevant websites; and
vi. Any other resources as determined by the Director.

3. **Tracking.** Directors shall track and record new resident billing compliance orientation, providing periodic reports to their Billing Compliance Advisory Committee (BCAC) on compliance with this policy.

E. **ADMINISTRATION AND INTERPRETATIONS**

Questions regarding this policy may be addressed to the TTUHSC Institutional Compliance Officer.

A resident’s failure or refusal to timely complete new resident orientation provided under this policy shall be reported to the residency coordinator and department Chair for corrective action to include completion of the required orientation. In addition, the Director may report such non-compliance to their regional BCAC for further corrective action. If necessary, the BCAC may refer the matter to the Institutional Compliance Officer (ICO) and/or the Billing Compliance Committee (BCC).

F. **AMENDMENTS, REVISIONS OR TERMINATION**

This policy shall be reviewed no later than September 1 in each odd-numbered year.

This policy may be amended or terminated at any time, subject to approval by the Billing Compliance Committee.
G. CERTIFICATION

I certify that this policy was approved by the Billing Compliance Committee, as reflected in the minutes dated September 8, 2010.

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