

TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT FOR FATIGUED HOUSESTAFF- Internal Medicine

The Olive-UCLA GME office is happy to offer reimbursement for round trip transportation costs to help ensure you, the hardworking housestaff, get home safely after work! This reimbursement is available to use a transportation service to get home, if you are too fatigued to operate a motor vehicle.

The process is easy. Simply utilize the service of your choice (app-based or taxi) for the trip home, rest up and then use the service again to pick up your car at a later point in time. Email both receipts to the **Gus Chavez within 30 days of the travel date**, and we will reimburse the ENTIRE cost!

Make sure to view the example, FAQs and reimbursement how-to's below for important details about the program.

EXAMPLE

Joe Bruin, an OVMC-UCLA housestaff member, just finished several tiring shifts at Olive View-UCLA and feels very fatigued. He decides it would be safer to take an Uber than “power through” the drive home. He Ubers to his home address in Sherman Oaks and sleeps overnight. The next morning he Ubers back to work, where he retrieves his car from the parking after work. He submits both of his Uber receipts to Gus Chavez in the Department of Medicine within 30 days and the receipts are processed for reimbursement.

PROGRAM FAQs

Which transportation services are reimbursable?

Housestaff may use the transportation service of their choice. This includes app-based services such as Lyft, Uber, etc. or traditional taxis.

When am I eligible to use the service?

Housestaff may use the service ANY TIME they are feeling overly fatigued after work—NOT just after an overnight shift. Your safety comes first. Please don't get behind the wheel when you are overly fatigued!

Please remember to utilize the overflow call rooms for strategic napping when you are on non-call based rotations as a first fatigue mitigation measure prior to using the transportation service. If you still do need to use transportation when not on a call rotation after napping, go ahead and do so. You may be asked to submit a small explanation in writing as to why the service was used on a non-call rotation.

I know that I'm going to be tired at the end of my shift. Can I use the service preemptively and travel from my home to work, and then back home?

No. At this point, the program's intended purpose is for housestaff that feel too fatigued at the END of their shift. It is not to be used as a mode of transportation to and from work.

May I use this transportation option when I am working at affiliated training sites?

Yes, this option is available for use from any training site to a verifiable home address. This includes, Olive View, Ronald Reagan, Santa Monica, Cedars, etc.

May I use the service to go sleep at the house of a friend/family member/significant other?

Sorry, no! The end location must be your verifiable home address.

I would like to stop and have dinner before going home. Can I use this service to take me to a restaurant, and then use it again to go home afterwards?

Sorry, no. Your destination must be your verifiable home address.

I live really far from my training site. Can I still use the service when I am too fatigued to operate a vehicle?

Yes, absolutely. As long as the end destination is your verifiable home address, any round-trip from the training site to your home is fully reimbursable.

May I choose to ride in style (Uber black, Lyft plus, etc.)?

On your own dime! If you choose to use Uber, Lyft or a similar app-based service, make sure to select the basic service. Reimbursement will not be approved for luxury services.