

Graduate Medical Education Agreement

This Graduate Medical Education Agreement (“**Agreement**”) shall be effective as of the later of June 24, 2026 or the date signed by the parties (“**Effective Date**”) by VHS Acquisition Subsidiary Number 9, Inc., doing business as MetroWest Medical Center (“**Hospital**”) and <**First Name**> <**Last Name**> (resident/fellow referred to herein as “**Resident**”), sets forth the terms and conditions of Resident’s appointment as a Resident physician at Hospital.

R E C I T A L S

WHEREAS, Hospital is the Sponsoring Institution for certain graduate medical education programs for residents and fellows (“Graduate Medical Education Programs”) in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (“State”);

WHEREAS, Hospital employs physicians in training who are appointed to the Sponsoring Institution’s Graduate Medical Education Programs;

WHEREAS, Hospital will employ Resident during the term of the Appointment to Sponsoring Institution’s Graduate Medical Education Program in <**Program**> (“Residency Program” or “Program”).

NOW THEREFORE, in exchange for valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, Hospital and Resident agree as follows:

1. **APPOINTMENT.** Resident accepts an appointment as a Resident at the PGY _____ year level of training in Sponsoring Institution’s Residency Program.

2. **RESIDENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES.**

a. Resident will fulfill the educational requirements of the Residency Program and the obligations to provide appropriate patient care as assigned by the Program Director under the direct supervision of the faculty of the clinical service to which they may be assigned from time to time. Resident will maintain proper professional conduct and appearance and demonstrate courtesy and respect to patients, their families and all persons employed by or associated with any training site for the Residency Program, including Hospital. Resident will not engage in disruptive behavior which could negatively impact administrative processes related to and clinical performance of the Program. Resident will comply with Hospital’s mandatory influenza policy.

b. Hospital has entered into contracts to provide health care services to beneficiaries of certain managed care plans and may enter into additional managed care contracts in the future (each a “Managed Care arrangement”). Resident will comply with the terms of all Managed Care arrangements in which Hospital participates to the extent the terms do not conflict with the standards of the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education.

c. Resident will be under the academic supervision of the Program Director and/or Faculty and academic, administrative, and professional supervision of the Designated Institutional Official (DIO).

d. Resident will not engage in any other professional medical employment, business, or practice (“**Moonlighting**”) without first obtaining written approval from the Program Director and DIO and in accordance with the Institutional Graduate Medical Education (GME) policies and/or relevant residency training manual. Moonlighting cannot conflict in any way with the Resident’s responsibilities and educational training program at Hospital. Moonlighting will be counted in the daily and total residency work hours. The policies and procedures regarding residency work hours and Moonlighting are in the residency training manual.

e. Resident will abide by the rules, regulations and policies of Hospital, the Residency Program, and Hospital’s Medical Staff and residency standards of the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), and its pertinent colleges and will conduct themselves in a professional manner. Such policies and any associated bylaws, rules and regulations are subject to adoption, modification, or withdrawal at any time in the sole discretion of the adopting body. Resident will keep themselves apprised of the contents thereof at all times during the course of this Agreement.

f. Resident will abide by the requirements of the ACGME.

g. Resident must meet Residency Program expectations in each of the following areas: medical knowledge; patient care; interpersonal and communication skills; professionalism; practice-based learning and improvement; system-based practice; and any other area designated by the Program Director and DIO.

h. As delegated by faculty physicians, Resident will examine, diagnose, and treat patients at Hospital and all other designated training sites associated with the Residency Program.

i. Resident will confer with attending physicians regarding care of patients and medical work performed and work at their direction in examining and treating patients, in a manner in accordance with accepted standards of residency training.

j. Resident will confer with other residents and nursing personnel regarding patient care.

k. Using all computerized provider order entry requirements, Resident will complete and maintain all requisite medical records of all patients assigned to their care. Resident will complete medical records timely according to the bylaws, rules and regulations, and policies and procedures of Hospital’s Medical Staff.

l. Resident may be required to appear in legal proceedings on behalf of Hospital where the need for the appearance arises out of the Resident’s work under this Agreement. If Resident is served with a summons to appear in court resulting from their work in the Residency Program, the summons should be immediately forwarded to Hospital and the Residency Program Director.

m. Resident will attend all education conferences required by the DIO, Program Director, or the faculty of the clinical service to which Resident is assigned, unless Resident is engaged in the emergency care of patients or specifically directed to perform other responsibilities by the DIO or Program Director. Resident will participate as directed by the DIO or Program Director in related medical education programs provided through Hospital's affiliation with universities or other educational facilities.

n. Resident will participate in one of Hospital's quality committees and complete a hospital-focused quality project before graduation from Program. Failure to complete a project will result in a delay in graduation.

o. Resident will devote the time as is necessary to satisfactorily complete his/her professional duties within accepted educational standards. Resident will perform the other related duties as may be assigned by the Program Director or designee.

3. **REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES.** Resident represents that they are an Allopathic or Osteopathic Physician and that they will comply with post graduate training licensure ("PTL") requirements to practice medicine in the State in which Hospital is located (the "State"). If Resident's license to practice medicine in the State is revoked, suspended, or otherwise subjected to discipline, this Agreement may be terminated as of the date of the revocation, suspension, or other disciplinary action. Resident will provide Hospital with prompt written notice if any investigation is commenced by the medical licensing board of any state or action is taken against Resident's license to practice medicine in any jurisdiction, whether the action is temporary or permanent, or if Resident is subject to disciplinary action of any kind. Hospital may, at its option, immediately terminate this Agreement upon or after commencement of any disciplinary proceedings or other action. Resident represents to Hospital that the Resident (i) is not currently excluded, debarred, suspended, or otherwise ineligible to participate in the Federal health care programs or in Federal procurement or non-procurement programs; and (ii) has not been convicted of a criminal offense that falls within the range of activities described in 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7(a), but has not yet been excluded, debarred, suspended, or otherwise declared ineligible ("Ineligible Person"). Resident will disclose immediately to Hospital and the Program Director if Resident becomes debarred, excluded, or suspended, or if any other event occurs that makes Resident an Ineligible Person. This Agreement will automatically terminate as of the date the Resident becomes an Ineligible Person.

4. **BILLING AND COMPENSATION.**

a. All facility fees received in connection with the billed services, including all fees and payments of any nature in payment for managed care services, belong to Hospital and shall be received and retained by Hospital. Resident will not bill or collect from any payor or patient any sums for professional services rendered by Resident under this Agreement.

b. Hospital will compensate the Resident at the rate of \$ _____ for the Term of this Agreement.

c. Resident will be entitled to the benefits described in Exhibit A. These benefits are subject to modification or amendment at any time by Hospital at its sole discretion.

5. **TERM OF AGREEMENT.** This Agreement will commence the Effective Date and continue in effect to June 30, 2027, except as may be extended by Hospital with the approval of Sponsoring Institution's Program Director for the purpose of allowing Resident to complete one year in the Program at the designated training level due to an approved leave of absence ("**Term**").

a. **Termination.** In addition to the other termination events set forth in Section 2 of this Agreement, termination will be effective upon written notice consistent with the due process policy as outlined in the Residency Program training manual or upon 120 days' notice to Resident if the Sponsoring Institution loses approval of the Residency Program during the Term of this Agreement.

b. **Grievance, Discipline Process, Leave, and Resident Due Process.** Specific details are outlined in the residency training manual. If Resident takes leave from the Residency Program for any reason, the Program Director will timely notify Resident of the effect the leave will have on their ability to satisfy Residency Program requirements.

c. **Effect of Termination.** At the termination of this Agreement, Resident will return all Hospital property, including but not limited to books, equipment, digital pager and uniforms, and will complete all records and satisfy all professional and financial obligations. Upon termination of this Agreement, all rights to further payments under this Agreement will terminate. Any amounts due to Resident which accrued prior to termination will be paid within 60 days after this Agreement is terminated.

6. **ADDITIONAL YEAR APPOINTMENT.**

a. Sponsoring Institution will have the sole discretion to determine whether Resident will advance in the Residency Program, in which event Hospital shall offer a renewal of this Agreement. If Sponsoring Institution decides not to advance Resident to the next training year in the Residency Program, Hospital will provide Resident with written notice not less than 4 months before the expiration of this Agreement, unless the primary reason(s) for the non-renewal occurs within the 4 months before the end of this Agreement, and in that case, Hospital will provide Resident with as much notice of the intent not to renew as the circumstances will reasonably allow, before the end of the Agreement.

b. If Hospital makes a renewal offer, Resident will accept or reject Hospital's offer within 30 days of receiving it.

7. **COMPLIANCE WITH ACGME.** Hospital will provide a program of education that meets the standards established by the American Osteopathic Association and/or the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education. Upon graduation from the Residency Program, Resident will be eligible to take specialty board examinations.

8. **PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE.** During the Term, Hospital shall provide and maintain professional liability insurance for Resident with liability limits of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence and \$3,000,000.00 in the aggregate and legal defense applicable to Resident's activities hereunder. The insurance coverage described in this section will be applicable only to the activities

Resident performs pursuant to this Agreement and will not cover Resident for Moonlighting or any activities not performed in the course and scope of their participation in the Residency Program. If coverage is maintained on a claims-made basis, Hospital provides tail insurance of Resident's activities hereunder. Resident agrees to cooperate fully in any investigations, discovery, and defense that may arise. Resident may be required to appear in legal proceedings where the need for the appearance arises out of Resident's activities under this Agreement.

9. **ABILITY TO FULFILL DUTIES.** Resident must be fully capable of participating in the Residency Program, with or without a reasonable accommodation. Once Resident has applied for admission to and is conditionally accepted by the Residency Program, Resident may be required to undergo a complete physical examination, including blood test and drug screen, to confirm that Resident is fully capable of participating in the Residency Program, with or without a reasonable accommodation. Hospital may require evidence that Resident has been immunized against various viruses and may require that Resident periodically take certain routine laboratory tests and chest x-rays. If Resident is absent due to illness or injury, depending on the nature and duration of the illness or injury causing the absence, Resident may be subject to clearance by Hospital staff physician prior to returning to work. Hospital shall provide emergency first aid treatment to Resident if required, until Resident's personal physician can be summoned. Hospital will not be obligated to furnish any other medical or surgical services to Resident. Hospital will not be responsible for any costs involved in Resident's treatment, any follow-up care, or any hospitalization.

10. **CONFIDENTIALITY.** Resident will maintain and hold as confidential and will not disclose the terms of this Agreement or any confidential or proprietary information that Resident may be provided during the term of this Agreement to any other person (with the exception of Resident's legal counsel, accountant or financial advisors), unless disclosure is required by law or otherwise authorized by this Agreement or consented to in writing by Hospital ("Confidential Information"). As between Hospital, its affiliates, and Resident, any Confidential Information of Hospital or its affiliates or Data (defined below) provided to or learned by Resident for any purpose, in connection with any software pursuant to this Agreement, will be deemed to be the exclusive property of Hospital. Resident will not claim any rights with respect to the Confidential Information or Data or take any action with respect to the Confidential Information or Data that is inconsistent with the duties of a bailee for hire or in addition to the services Resident is authorized to provide under this Agreement, without prior written consent of Hospital or its affiliates. Resident will not use, authorize to use or disclose the Data received from Hospital for the purpose of developing information or statistical compilations for use by third parties or for any commercial exploitation, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by Hospital or its affiliates. Resident waives all statutory and common law liens it may now or hereafter have with respect to data derived from Hospital or any of its affiliate's Confidential Information or Data. "Data" means all tangible data elements belonging to Hospital or its affiliates under the terms of this Agreement. Data specifically includes, but is not limited to, patient identification information, patient medical records, financial information, business forecasts, personnel information, customer lists, marketing information, Medicare, Medicaid and other payor information, reimbursement information, and other information relating to the business of Hospital or its affiliate or their respective patients, clients, or customers. With respect to any patient or medical record information regarding Hospital's patients, Resident will comply with all federal and state laws and regulations, and all bylaws, rules,

regulations, and policies of Hospital and their medical staff, regarding the confidentiality of the information, including, without limitation, all applicable provisions and regulations of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”) and comparable state laws.

11. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT; MODIFICATION; GOVERNING LAW; COUNTERPARTS; NOTICES; WAIVER; ASSIGNMENT.** This Agreement embodies the complete, full, and exclusive understanding of Hospital and Resident regarding Resident’s employment by Hospital, and it supersedes and cancels all prior agreements, written or oral, between the parties regarding the Resident’s employment by Hospital and participation in the Residency Program of the Sponsoring Institution. Any amendments, additions, or supplements to this Agreement will be effective and binding on Hospital and Resident only if in writing and signed by both parties. If any provision of this Agreement is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the provision will be deemed to be restricted in scope or otherwise modified to the extent necessary to render it valid and enforceable, or, if the provision cannot be modified or restricted so as to be valid and enforceable, then it will be deemed excised from this Agreement if circumstances so require, and this Agreement will be construed and enforced as if the provision had originally been incorporated herein as so restricted or modified, or as if the provision had not originally been contained herein, as the case may be. This Agreement may be assigned by Hospital in its sole discretion at any time.

12. Hospital may refuse Resident access to its clinical areas if Resident does not meet Hospital’s employee standards for safety, health, or ethical behavior.

13. **COMPLIANCE OBLIGATIONS.** Resident represents that he/she read, understands, and will abide by Tenet’s Standards of Conduct. Resident will comply with Tenet’s Compliance Program and Tenet’s policies and procedures related to the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, Anti-Kickback Statute, and the Stark Law. Tenet’s Standards of Conduct, summary of Compliance Program, and policies and procedures, including a summary of the Federal False Claims Act and applicable state false claims laws with descriptions of penalties and whistleblower protections pertaining to the laws, are available at: <http://www.tenethealth.com/about/pages/ethicscompliance.aspx>. Resident will require any employees providing services to Hospital to read the Standards of Conduct and information concerning Tenet’s Compliance Program and abide by same. The parties certify they will not violate the Anti-Kickback Statute or Stark Law, and will abide by the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, as applicable, in providing services under this Agreement. Hardcopies of any information will be made available upon request. Resident and any employees, if applicable, will complete any training required under Tenet’s Compliance Program.

14. **ARBITRATION.** Excluding any action for injunctive relief only, any dispute or controversy arising under, out of or in connection with, or in relation to this Agreement, or any amendment hereof, or the breach hereof shall be determined and settled by arbitration in Riverside County, in State, in accordance with the Tenet’s Fair Treatment Process (“FTP”), a comprehensive method for affording fair procedure and resolving employment-related disputes, as detailed in Tenet’s Human Resources Policy and Procedures Manual, Policy No. HR.ERW.05, and applying the laws of the State. Policy No. HR.ERW.05 is available at <https://tenetway.tenethealth.com/policies/human-resources/employee-relations-workplace->

[expectation/open-door-and-fair-treatment-process](#) or in Human Resources. Resident further acknowledges receipt of documentation regarding the Open Door Policy and Fair Treatment Process, including the arbitration process, prior to executing this Agreement. It is understood and mutually agreed Resident shall be considered a Hospital employee at the Department Head level or above for purposes of processing grievances pursuant to the FTP. It is further understood and mutually agreed, to the extent permitted by law, Resident may not join any such claim or dispute with the dispute of another employee in a class, collective, representative or group action. Arbitration under the Fair Treatment Process is limited to individual disputes, claims or controversies a court of law would be authorized or have jurisdiction over to grant relief, and by agreeing to the use of arbitration to resolve disputes, the parties agree to forego any right to a jury trial on issues covered by the Fair Treatment Process. If the provisions of this Section 14 conflict with the provision of the FTP, the provision of this Section 14 shall prevail. Any award rendered by the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon each of the parties, and judgment thereof may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. The costs of arbitration shall be borne equally by both parties, provided each party shall bear the fees and costs of attorneys or other persons representing the interests of such party. During the pendency of any such arbitration and until final judgment hereon has been entered, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect unless otherwise terminated as provided hereunder.

HOSPITAL

RESIDENT

By: _____

By: _____

Name: Greg McFarland

Name:

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: _____

Date: _____

EXHIBT A

BENEFITS

The following is intended to briefly describe the various benefits afforded to Resident. The full policy statement is in the residency training manual distributed to each resident at orientation.

Please refer to the link below to MWMC GME Website which has additional information including, but not limited to 1) GME resident contract template, 2) full listing of salary, stipends, and benefits, 3) Leave Policy, and 4) Resident and Fellow Eligibility, Selection, and Appointment Policy - <https://www.mwmc.com/health-professionals/graduate-medical-education-programs>

Benefits are subject to the terms of the plan documents or insurance contracts, as applicable, and may be changed at any time by Hospital.

General Benefits include:

- Medical
- Dental
- Vision
- 401(K) plan
- FSAs, HSAs, and HRAs
- Life, AD&D and Disability Insurance
- Hyatt Legal
- Employee Stock Purchase Plan
- Tenet Personal Health Team and Employee Assistance Program
- Paid Time Off (PTO)
- Access to food when on duty

Additional Benefits offered to Resident only with approval of the GMEC, Program Director and DIO:

- Hospital will provide an annual education allowance of \$1,000 available for use for educational purposes from Commencement Date of the academic year.
- Hospital will provide a \$1,200 stipend for meal allowance for the academic year.
- Hospital will provide a professional development allowance of \$2,000.
- The total of \$4,200 (\$1,000+\$1,200 + \$2,000) will be provided tax-free.