

## **Wisconsin Patients Compensation Fund**

**If you hold a full Wisconsin medical license please carefully review this information.**

Most of you probably know that the hospital has contributed to the Patients Compensation Fund (PCF) for you, to cover your training activities. With the completion of your training, we will notify the PCF that you are no longer covered by our insurance policy. This will automatically trigger a letter from the PCF, to you, indicating that the Fund does not have a current certificate of insurance on file for you. A sample copy of this letter is attached.

### **It is your responsibility to notify the PCF of your status when you receive the letter from the PCF.**

**If you will not be practicing in Wisconsin**, you will be exempt from contributing to the Fund.

You will need to submit an exemption form (sample attached). Make sure you pay close attention to the dates you use on the form. If you claim exemption prior to the official end of your training this will cause you problems. See note regarding dates below.

**If you will be practicing in Wisconsin – but are a state or federal employee (ie employed by the UW Medical School or VA Hospital)** you will probably be exempt from contributing into the Fund. You should verify that you are exempt with your employer. If you are exempt, you will need to submit an exemption form (sample attached). Make sure you pay close attention to the dates you use on the form. If you claim exemption prior to the official end of your training this will cause you problems. See note regarding dates below.

**If you will be practicing in Wisconsin, and are not a state or federal employee**, you will probably be required to participate in the Fund. Hopefully your new insurance company will have already submitted a certificate of insurance for you to the PCF. We suggest you discuss all correspondence from the PCF with your new insurance carrier. If your insurance carrier submits a certificate of insurance that begins prior to the end of your training this will cause you problems. Please see note regarding dates below.

#### **Notes about Dates:**

You will be covered by our insurance policy until the ***official*** end of your training program. This date is June 30 for most of you. This is the date we will submit to the PCF as the date your coverage will end. If you submit a form claiming an exemption date prior to your official end date, you will receive a note from the PCF indicating that you are not eligible for an exemption because "UW Residents can no longer claim exemption".

We know that some of you will work things out with your training program so you can leave the program a little early. In most cases, leaving a little early does not change your official end date. When in doubt, your best bet is to refer to your official training certificate. These are the dates we will always use when completing verifications for you.