PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY LETTER

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To Whom It May Concern:

All physicians in residency/fellowship programs sponsored by the UCONN School of Medicine are fully protected by State statute from civil liability arising from professional liability claims related to the discharge of duties within the scope of practice/training when the resident/fellow physician is at one of the UCONN Health sites or at an approved site other than the affiliated hospitals for the program. Coverage is for the claims made for omissions/commissions that transpire during the residency/fellowship period, with protection extending beyond the residency/fellowship period provided that the omission/commission occurred during the residency/fellowship period. The scope of this protection is not limited in dollar amount and is analogous to occurrence-type commercial medical malpractice insurance. The coverage is a “self-insured” program and therefore there is no insurance company, policy number or face sheet.

When the resident/fellow physician is assigned to an affiliated hospital through an integrated residency program, coverage derives from that affiliated hospital as long as it provides protection against professional liability claims in an amount and manner equivalent to that provided by the affiliated hospital to its full-time physician employees. If it does not provide such coverage, protection for residents and fellows reverts to the insurance provided by state statute as described in the preceding paragraph.

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Should you have questions, please contact the GME Office at 860-679-2147.

Sincerely,

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