

**Texas Tech Health Sciences Center – El Paso, TX**  
**Department of Pediatrics**

Coverage Policy for Residents Who Call in Sick

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The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for coverage in case a resident calls in sick during his/her call.

The Rovers assigned for the block will take the designated duty of the resident who calls in sick.

- a. The rover will cover the designated duty, but the person covered should “repay” the worked hours during the coverage call upon their return to service, i.e., if a resident missed a call duty because he/she was sick, he/she will be assigned another call, and efforts will be made for the Rover who covered to be given one call less in the future.
- b. The Chief Resident will keep a call tally to ensure fair call distribution among all residents.