Which edition of the FGI Guidelines does my state enforce?

THE DIRECT ANSWER

Your state enforces the specific FGI edition it has adopted into regulation — not the newest edition. With 43 states adopting FGI for new construction and major renovations, the odds are high your project falls under FGI, but the edition varies: many states are on 2018 or 2022, and 2026 adoptions will roll out over the next few years. The authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) — usually the state health department's plan review office — is the definitive source.

HOW TO FIND YOUR STATE'S EDITION

- Check the state health department / licensing agency website — look for "plan review," "construction standards," or "physical environment" regulations referencing a specific FGI edition year.
- Read the actual regulation — the adoption is usually a single line referencing "the [year] edition of the FGI Guidelines for Design and Construction of [Hospitals/Outpatient/Residential]." Note whether it says the edition "as amended" or a fixed year.
- Call the plan reviewer — when the website is ambiguous (and it often is), a five-minute call beats a five-month redesign.
- Check for local amendments — some jurisdictions adopt FGI with state-specific modifications that change individual requirements.

STATES WITH DOCUMENTED FGI ADOPTION (EXAMPLES)

- Texas — references FGI in hospital licensing standards
- Florida — Agency for Health Care Administration references FGI
- New York — Department of Health references FGI for facility construction
- California — OSHPD/HCAI framework aligns with FGI-based requirements
- Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia — documented FGI references in health facility regulations
- Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Arizona — western states with FGI-based plan review

FIELD QUESTION

How many states have adopted the FGI Guidelines?

43 states have adopted FGI documents for regulating new construction and major renovations of healthcare facilities.

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Caution: codes, editions, and targets vary by facility and authority having jurisdiction (AHJ). Figures marked as common practice are facility targets, not code requirements. Confirm against your AHJ and the current code text before acting.