FIELD SHEET | FGI STATE ADOPTION IN PRACTICE

Pinning the Governing FGI Edition Before Design or Procurement

How to resolve fixed, dynamic, state-amended, and conflicted FGI adoptions before locking design or buying code books.

1. Four State Adoption Mechanisms (What Actually Governs Your Project)

Mechanism	How It Works in Practice	Verified State Examples	Primary Pitfall
Fixed-Edition Incorporation	Rule names a specific FGI year (2001–2022) and sometimes a specific ASHRAE 170 year.	MI (R 325.45263: 2018 FGI + ASHRAE 170-2017); WA (WAC 246-320-600: 2022 hosp); AK (2001).	Designing to 2026 Codes when plan review enforces 2018 or 2014.
Dynamic ('Most Recent') Rule	Statute or rule points to current/most recent edition without naming a year.	GA (111-8-40, 2026 Codes eff. 8/31/2026); IN (IC 16-21-2-12.5); LA (LAC 48:I.9305); NC.	Edition shifts between schematic design and permit submission.
State-Amended / State-Authored	State modifies FGI chapters or enforces its own hospital building/licensing code.	CA (HCAI/OSHPD Title 24); TX (26 TAC Ch. 505); OR (OAR 333-535-0015(3) amendments).	Citing base FGI text without applying state-specific amendments.
Partial / CON / Equivalency	FGI applies only to select facility types, via CON review, or as an accepted alternate.	IL (FEC 2010 only); WI (SPS 364 Mech/Res 2014); VT (CON 2022); OH (alternate).	Assuming 'no statewide adoption' means zero FGI-aligned review.

2. Three High-Conflict States (Verify Before Schematic Design)

State	Printed Rule vs. Agency / FGI Conflict	Safe Action Before Design or Purchase
New York	10 NYCRR 711.2 cites 1996-97/2010; DOH DAL 17-01 applies 2014; FGI lists 2014+2018.	Request written project-type edition confirmation from NYSDOH before DD.
New Jersey / Rhode Island	NJ N.J.A.C. 8:43G codifies 2014 Residential; RI 216-RICR-40-10-4 cites 2006 vs. 2018 guidance.	Pin the edition in writing with DOH plan review; do not rely solely on secondary maps.
Virginia / Florida (2026 Transition)	VA 12VAC5-410-650 is 2022 (+ Apr 2026 filing); FL enforces 2022 w/ 2026 recorded eff. 12/31/2026.	Date-stamp permit filing milestones against the transition cutoff date.

3. Four-Gate AHJ Edition-Pinning & Procurement Workflow

Gate	Owner	Required Action	Verification Artifact
Gate 1: Jurisdiction & Facility Check	Project Architect / Compliance	Check HFH 50-State Tracker (#1777) for state status, facility-type split (hospital vs. ASC/outpatient/LTC), and state amendments.	State rule citation + facility-type match
Gate 2: Written AHJ Edition Lock	Owner / Architect	Obtain written confirmation from the state licensing plan-review office (and local building official if split) naming the governing FGI + ASHRAE 170 edition.	Dated AHJ email / pre-submittal minutes
Gate 3: Targeted Procurement	Design & Facility Teams	Purchase or subscribe via FGI OneSource / official editions only for the confirmed governing edition (2026 Codes vs. 2022/2018/2014).	Purchase/license record matching Gate 2
Gate 4: Dynamic-State Permit Re-Check	PM / Code Consultant	In dynamic-adoption states (GA, ID, IN, LA, NV, NM, NC, TN), re-verify effective edition 30 days prior to permit submission.	Permit-lock confirmation memo

4. Procurement & Licensing Guardrails

- **Check the enforced edition before buying:** FGI's 2026 release split enforceable minimums (*FGI Facility Codes*) from advisory guidance (*FGI Handbooks*). Buying 2026 Codes for a Michigan (2018) or Pennsylvania (2022) project creates immediate review mismatches.
- **Separate Code from Handbook:** Only adopted Code minimums are enforceable by surveyors unless a state rule explicitly incorporates advisory text or the project commits to it in the Functional Program.
- **Multi-AHJ projects:** Where CMS/TJC surveys overlap with state licensing and local building codes, the strictest applicable adopted requirement governs.

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