

FCDS POLICY UPDATE- EFFECTIVE JANUARY 7, 2010  
CASES REQUIRING AN EDIT OVER-RIDE (FORCE)

FCDS is currently evaluating all processes and are finding ways to streamline some of our operations. In keeping up with our efforts to protect patient confidential information, FCDS is revising the overall process of how abstracts that require an edit over-ride or “force” are handled.

Effective January 7, 2010, reporting facilities will not have to submit to FCDS hard copy supporting documentation for cases that require an edit over-ride or “force.” An in-depth visual review will be performed on all cases that require a force, and if there is supporting documentation in the required text fields to justify the codes, FCDS will set the appropriate over-ride flag(s). In the event that the codes are not justified in the text fields, the reporting facilities will need to substantiate the codes by providing supplementary text. This process will be completed online via the FCDS web site. Go to this link

<http://fcds.med.miami.edu/downloads/dam2009/FCDS%20edits%20that%20require%20an%20edit%20over.pdf> for a complete listing of FCDS edits that require an edit over-ride.

All reporting facility personnel and contractors with the appropriate data level access will be notified on Mondays via email when abstracts are ready for review. Following are the specific instructions on how to access abstracts to review and add supporting text:

1. Go to the FCDS web site <http://fcds.med.miami.edu> log on FCDS IDEA
2. Select the FORCES REVIEW (you will see this menu choice under “Facility Abstractor” only if you have the proper data level access).
3. Select the facility.
4. Select the record to review.

FCDS will host a webinar/teleconference to give a demonstration of the new module.

Date of teleconference: January 7, 2010  
Time: 2:00 PM -4:00 PM EST  
Toll-Free Number: (888) 622-5357  
Participant Code: 613286  
Webinar Link: <https://webmeeting.med.miami.edu/forces>

If you have any questions, please contact your Field Coordinator at 305-243-4600.

Thank you.

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