OPTIC-Vetted Co-prescribing Naloxone Policy Data

This is the final documentation for the Co-prescribing Naloxone Policy variables (1990-2020) included in the OPTIC Vetted Policy Data Sets. Specific dimensions of Co-Prescribing Policy Data included in this public version of the data are based on a review of the legal statutes conducted by OPTIC investigators of laws in effect as of September 2019. Main findings form this review are published in the following article: Haffajee, R. L., Cherney, S., & Smart, R. (2020). Legal requirements and recommendations to prescribe naloxone. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, *209*, 107896.

Specific variables included in this data are based on data presented in Table 1 of the paper as well as additional information contained in the original legal database.

Constructed Variables Contained in Analytic Files

Variable Name	Description
date_eff_nalcop	Effective date (DMY) for any state co-prescribing naloxone policy
nat_mandate	Nature of mandate: 3 = Mandate prescribing, 2 = Mandate offering, 1 = recommendation, 0 = no law / missing
app_patient	Applicable patient: 3 = All, 2= specific high risk/ therapeutic, 1 = Narrow (worker's compensation or CJ population only), 0 = no law / missing
mme_thre	MME Threshold: 3= Low (≤50 MME/day), 2 = Moderate (50-90 MME/day), 1 = High (>90 MME/day), 0 = no law/missing
date_eff_all	Date (DMY) the state co-prescribing naloxone policy became effective for all patients
nalcop_partial	Fraction of the year (out of 12 months) the state has a co-prescribing naloxone policy
allpatients_partial	Fraction of the year (out of 12 months) the state has a co-prescribing naloxone policy for all patients

Fractions are calculated based on the number of months out of 12 that a law is effective. A law is considered effective for a given month
- if a law becomes effective by the 7th for January
- if a law becomes effective by the 3rd for February – December

These variables can be found in the following data files:

- Excel File: WEB_Coprescribing_NAL.xlsx
- Stata File: WEB_Coprescribing_NAL.dta

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