



# Codebook for Good Samaritan Overdose Prevention Laws

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This codebook describes the variables in a dataset that examines variation in state laws that provide immunity or affirmative defense against drug charges for individuals who call 911 to report opioid overdose. This dataset is longitudinal and is updated through June 1, 2021. The jurisdictions selected for measurements are the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

There are three standard variables in every PDAPS dataset. They are:

### **JURISDICTION:**

This is a dropdown selection in each coding form. It includes the jurisdictions coded in the dataset.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is the most recent effective date of the legal text captured for this place. The effective date represents the date the policy coded was put into effect.

### **VALID THROUGH DATE:**

This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is the last date the policy was in effect as reflected by the legal text captured to code this policy.

### **An important note about the statistical data page:**

This codebook should be used in conjunction with the statistical data extract that can be downloaded from the dataset homepage by clicking on the Data button. The value labels defined below will correspond with the coded responses you will see on the Statistical data page. Coding questions that are not answered will show as a period (".") in the Excel cell. Coding questions can be intentionally not answered, such as when a state does not have a law and the coder therefor leaves the remaining coding answers as unanswered.

## Questions

Question 1:	<b>Does the jurisdiction have a drug overdose Good Samaritan Law?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name:	goodsam-law
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 2:	<b>What protection, if any, does the law provide from controlled substance possession laws?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	goodsam-cs_Arrest
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 3:	<b>What protection, if any, does the law provide from controlled substance possession laws?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	goodsam-cs_Charge
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 4:	<b>What protection, if any, does the law provide from controlled substance possession laws?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	goodsam-cs_Prosecution
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 5:	<b>What protection, if any, does the law provide from controlled substance possession laws?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	goodsam-cs_Law provides an affirmative defense
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Question 6:	<b>What protection, if any, does the law provide from controlled substance possession laws?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	goodsam-cs_Law provides other procedural protections
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 7:	<b>What protection, if any, does the law provide from controlled substance possession laws?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	goodsam-cs_None
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 8:	<b>What protection, if any, does the law provide from drug paraphernalia laws?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	goodsam-paraphernalia_Arrest
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 9:	<b>What protection, if any, does the law provide from drug paraphernalia laws?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	goodsam-paraphernalia_Charge
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 10:	<b>What protection, if any, does the law provide from drug paraphernalia laws?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	goodsam-paraphernalia_Prosecution
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 11:	<b>What protection, if any, does the law provide from drug paraphernalia laws?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply

Variable Name:	goodsam-paraphernalia_Law provides an affirmative defense
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 12:	<b>What protection, if any, does the law provide from drug paraphernalia laws?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	goodsam-paraphernalia_Law provides other procedural protections
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 13:	<b>What protection, if any, does the law provide from drug paraphernalia laws?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	goodsam-paraphernalia_None
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 14:	<b>Does the law provide protection from probation or parole violations?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
Variable Name:	goodsam-paroleyn
Variable Values:	0, 1, 2
Value Label:	0 = Yes
Value Label:	1 = No
Value Label:	2 = Unclear
Question 15:	<b>What protection does the law provide from probation or parole violations?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	goodsam-parole_Protection from arrest
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 16:	<b>What protection does the law provide from probation or parole violations?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	goodsam-parole_Protection from charge
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No

Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 17:	<b>What protection does the law provide from probation or parole violations?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	goodsam-parole_Protection from prosecution
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 18:	<b>What protection does the law provide from probation or parole violations?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	goodsam-parole_Protection from revocation of probation and/or parole
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 19:	<b>What protection does the law provide from probation or parole violations?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	goodsam-parole_General protection from sanctions for violation of probation and/or parole
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 20:	<b>Is reporting an overdose considered a mitigating factor in sentencing?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name:	goodsam-mitigation
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 21:	<b>For what types of crimes is mitigation permitted?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	goodsam-mit-type_Controlled substances offenses
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 22:	<b>For what types of crimes is mitigation permitted?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply

Variable Name:	goodsam-mit-type_Alcohol-related offenses
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Variable Values:	0, 1
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Value Label:	0 = No
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Value Label:	1 = Yes
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Question 23:	<b>For what types of crimes is mitigation permitted?</b>
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Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
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Variable Name:	goodsam-mit-type_Other offenses beyond controlled substances and alcohol-related violations
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Variable Values:	0, 1
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Value Label:	0 = No
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Value Label:	1 = Yes
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