



Codebook for Buprenorphine Prescribing Requirements and Limitations

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This dataset presents state-level statutes and regulations regarding buprenorphine prescribing for opioid use disorder (OUD) across all 50 states and the District of Columbia in effect as of March 1, 2023.

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 EFFECTIVE DATE:

This dataset captures only those laws in the included jurisdictions in effect on March 1, 2023. The effective date represents the date on which the most recent amendment among the laws contained within that record as of March 1, 2023 (the data collection date), came into effect as the law of the jurisdiction. For example, a law included in this dataset may have gone into effect on March 1, 2022, and since it was the most recent law in effect as of March 1, 2023, it would be included in these data. That does not make this dataset longitudinal. This dataset does not purport to measure the law as it existed prior to the data collection date (in this case, March 1, 2023) or provide the original date the law was signed by the executive.

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 therefore leaves the remaining coding answers as unanswered.

Questions	
Question 1:	Does the state decriminalize buprenorphine possession?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1:	BRx_decrim
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 2:	Does the state explicitly regulate buprenorphine prescribing for opioid use disorder (OUD)?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 2:	BRx_oud
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 2.1:	When are practitioners that prescribe buprenorphine for OUD explicitly regulated?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 2.1(A):	BRx_pract_When any practitioner prescribes buprenorphine for OUD
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1(B):	BRx_pract_When a particular type of practitioner prescribes buprenorphine for OUD
Variable Values:	0, 1

Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1(C):	BRx_pract_When the practitioner treats more than a specified threshold of patients
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1(D):	BRx_pract_When the practitioner is at a certain type of practice setting
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 2.2:	When does the state require additional registration(s) to prescribe buprenorphine for OUD?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 2.2(A):	BRx_addreg2_When any practitioner prescribes buprenorphine for OUD
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.2(B):	BRx_addreg2_When a practitioner treats more than a specified threshold of patients
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Variable Name 2.2(C):	BRx_addreg2_For practice settings that treat more than a specified threshold of patients
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.2(D):	BRx_addreg2_For other specified types of practitioners and/or practice settings
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.2(E):	BRx_addreg2No additional registration required
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 3:	Does the state include specific regulations for special populations (e.g., pregnant people)?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 3:	BRx_specreg
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 3.1:	What special populations?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 3.1(A):	BRx_specpop_Pregnant people

Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.1(B):	BRx_specpop_Person with childbearing potential
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.1(C):	BRx_specpop_Former buprenorphine patients
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.1(D):	BRx_specpop_HIV-positive individuals
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.1(E):	BRx_specpop_Persons who are prescribed specific medications
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.1(F):	BRx_specpop_People with co-occurring mental health conditions
Variable Values:	0, 1

Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.1(G):	BRx_specpop_People with chronic pain
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.1(H):	BRx_specpop_People engaged in polysubstance use
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.1(I):	BRx_specpop_Other
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 4:	Are there instances where the state regulates buprenorphine initiation dosage?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 4(A):	BRx_initdose2_There are instances where buprenorphine initiation dosages are restricted without exception
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 4(B):	BRx_initdose2_There are instances where buprenorphine initiation dosages above a specified threshold require additional documentation

Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 4(C):	BRx_initdose2_There are instances where buprenorphine initiation dosages above a specified threshold require additional consultation(s)
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 4(D):	BRx_initdose2_There are instances where buprenorphine initiation dosages above a specified threshold require additional approval(s)
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 4(E):	BRx_initdose2No
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 5:	Are there instances where the state regulates buprenorphine maintenance dosage?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 5(A):	BRx_maintenance2_There are instances where buprenorphine maintenance dosages are restricted without exception
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Variable Name 5(B):	BRx_maindose2 There are instances where buprenorphine maintenance dosages above a specified threshold require additional documentation
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 5(C):	BRx_maindose2_ There are instances where buprenorphine maintenance dosages above a specified threshold require additional consultation(s)
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 5(D):	BRx_maindose2_ There are instances where buprenorphine maintenance dosages above a specified threshold require additional approval(s)
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 5(E):	BRx_maindose2_No
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 6:	Are there instances where the state restricts the length of a buprenorphine prescription for OUD?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 6(A):	BRx_length2_ There are instances where the length of a buprenorphine prescription for OUD is restricted without exception
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No

Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 6(B):	BRx_length2_ There are instances where the length of a buprenorphine prescription for OUD is restricted until the patient is in treatment for a specified amount of time
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 6(C):	BRx_length2_ There are instances where the length of a buprenorphine prescription for OUD is restricted until a practitioner meets other specified requirements
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 6(D):	BRx_length2No
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 7:	Are there instances where the state regulates how often a practitioner prescribing buprenorphine for OUD must see a patient?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 7(A):	BRx_see2_ There are instances where how often a practitioner prescribing buprenorphine for OUD must see the patient is regulated for the duration of the treatment
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Variable Name 7(B):	BRx_see2_There are instances where how often a practitioner prescribing buprenorphine for OUD must see a patient is regulated until a patient meets other specified requirements
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 7(C):	BRx_see2No
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 8:	Does the state restrict buprenorphine formulations when prescribing for OUD?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 8:	BRx_form
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 8.1:	What formulations are allowed for all patients?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 8.1(A):	BRx_allforms_Allowed formulations not specified
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 8.1(B):	BRx_allforms_Buprenorphine-Naloxone Combination Products

Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 8.1(C):	BRx_allforms_Injectable buprenorphine
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 8.1(D):	BRx_allforms_Implanted buprenorphine
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 8.2:	Which patients are eligible for buprenorphine mono-product?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 8.2(A):	BRx_mono_Patients in specified practice settings
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 8.2(B):	BRx_mono_Pregnant patients
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Variable Name 8.2(C):	BRx_mono_Nursing patients
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 8.2(D):	BRx_mono_Other
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 9:	Does the state require counseling for patients prescribed buprenorphine for OUD?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 9:	BRx_counsel
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 9.1:	Are there instances where the law specifies a minimum amount of counseling?
Question Type:	Categorical – check all that apply
Variable Name 9.1(A):	BRx_mincoun2_There are instances where a minimum amount of counseling is specified for the duration of treatment
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Variable Name 9.1(B):	BRx_mincoun2_There are instances where a minimum amount of counseling is specified until the patient is in treatment for a specified amount of time
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 9.1(C):	BRx_mincoun2_No
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 9.2:	Does the law specify the format of the required counseling?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 9.2:	BRx_formcoun
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 10:	Does the state require drug testing when prescribing buprenorphine for OUD?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 10:	BRx_test
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 10.1:	Are there instances where the law specifies the frequency of required drug testing?

Question Type:	Categorical – check all that apply
Variable Name 10.1(A):	BRx_freqtest2_ There are instances where the frequency of required drug testing is specified for the duration of treatment
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 10.1(B):	BRx_freqtest2No
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 11:	Are there instances where state law caps the number of patients to whom a practitioner may prescribe buprenorphine for OUD?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 11(A):	BRx_cap2_ There are instances where additional requirements apply to practitioners that prescribe buprenorphine to more than a specified threshold of patients
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 11(B):	BRx_cap2_ There are instances where additional requirements apply to practice settings in which buprenorphine is prescribed to more than a specified threshold of patients
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Variable Name 11(C):	BRx_cap2No
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 12:	Are there instances where state law specifically regulates prescribing buprenorphine for OUD via telehealth?
Question Type:	Categorical – check all that apply
Variable Name 12(A):	BRx_telehealth2_There are instances where prescribing buprenorphine for OUD via telehealth is restricted
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 12(B):	BRx_telehealth2_There are instances where prescribing buprenorphine for OUD via telehealth is prohibited
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 12(C):	BRx_telehealth2No
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 13:	Does the law regulate how practitioners respond to patient non-compliance?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 14:	BRx_noncomp

Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 13.1:	When does the state regulate patient non-compliance?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 13.1(A):	BRx_patnc_Drug screen results - positive for illicit drugs
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 13.1(B):	BRx_patnc_Drug screen results - negative for prescribed medication
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 13.1(C):	BRx_patnc_Abnormal drug screen results
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 13.1(D):	BRx_patncReturn to use
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Variable Name 13.1(E):	BRx_patnc_Polysubstance use
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 13.1(F):	BRx_patnc_Refusal of or inadequate engagement with counseling
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 13.1(G):	BRx_patnc_Refusal of or inadequate engagement with other services
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 13.1(H):	BRx_patncMedication diversion
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 13.1(I):	BRx_patnc_Types of non-compliance not specified
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 13.1(J):	BRx_patnc_Other

Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 13.2:	How does the state regulate practitioner responses to one or more types of patient non-compliance?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 13.2(A):	BRx_respnc_Prohibits involuntary discharge
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 13.2(B):	BRx_respncDiscourages involuntary discharge
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 13.2(C):	BRx_respnc_Prohibits dosage reductions
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 13.2(D):	BRx_respnc_Requires increased frequency of drug screens
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Variable Name 13.2(E):	BRx_respnc_Requires increased frequency of appointments
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 13.2(F):	BRx_respncReassesses treatment plan
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 13.2(G):	BRx_respncReferrals for additional or more specialized treatment
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 13.2(H):	BRx_respnc_Documents the patient's non-compliance
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 13.2(I):	BRx_respnc_Responses not specified
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 13.2(J):	BRx_respnc_Other

Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 14:	Are there instances where state law includes requirements regarding opioid overdose reversal drugs (e.g., naloxone) for patients prescribed buprenorphine for OUD?
Question Type:	Categorical – check all that apply
Variable Name 14(A):	BRx_copnlx2_There are instances where patients must be offered an opioid overdose reversal drug
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 14(B):	BRx_copnlx2_There are instances where patients must be directly provided an opioid overdose reversal drug
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 14(C):	BRx_copnlx2_There are instances where patients must be co-prescribed an opioid overdose reversal drug
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 14(D):	BRx_copnlx2No
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Question 15:	Are there instances where state law explicitly requires an initial evaluation when practitioners prescribe buprenorphine for OUD to a patient for the first time?
Question Type:	Binary – mutually exclusive
Variable Name 15:	BRx_ineval2
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 16:	Are there instances where state law explicitly requires practitioners to provide ancillary services (directly or by referral) to patients when prescribing buprenorphine for OUD?
Question Type:	Binary – mutually exclusive
Variable Name 16:	BRx_acnserv2
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 16.1:	Are there instances where state law lists specific type(s) of required ancillary services?
Question Type:	Binary – mutually exclusive
Variable Name 16.1:	BRx_acnservlist
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 17:	Does the law include moving towards discontinuation of buprenorphine as an explicit treatment objective?

Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 17:	BRx_taper
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 18:	Does the state explicitly incorporate federal law on buprenorphine?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 18:	BRx_federal
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 18.1:	Does the state explicitly incorporate federal law provisions related to the X-Waiver?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 18.1:	BRx_xwaiver
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes