



Codebook for State Laws Limiting Prescriptions for Opioid Analgesics

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This dataset presents state-level statutes and regulations that limit opioid analgesic prescriptions across all 50 states and the District of Columbia in effect between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2019.

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:	Does the state have a law restricting prescriptions for opioid analgesics?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1:	opio_
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 2:	Which prescriptions for opioid analgesics are restricted by the state limit?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 2(A):	opio_restri_All opioid prescriptions
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2(B):	opio_restri_All initial prescriptions
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2(C):	opio_restri_Initial prescriptions for acute pain
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No

Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2(D):	opio_restri_All prescriptions for acute pain
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2(E):	opio_restri_Prescriptions for specified DEA Schedule
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2(F):	opio_restri_Prescriptions for a specified health care setting
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2(G):	opio_restri_Prescriptions for outpatient use
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2(H):	opio_restri_Opioids prescribed concurrently with benzodiazepines
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2(I):	opio_restri_All prescriptions for minors

Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2(J):	opio_restri_Initial prescriptions for minors
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 2.1:	How does the law define initial prescriptions?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 2.1(A):	opio_initial_define_Initial prescription by current provider
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1(B):	opio_initial_define_Initial prescription by any provider
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1(C):	opio_initial_define_Prescriptions to patients who have not had dispensed opioid prescriptions for 45 days
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No

Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1(D):	opio_initial_define_Prescriptions to patients who have not had dispensed opioid prescriptions for 60 days
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1(E):	opio_initial_define_Prescriptions to patients who have not had dispensed opioid prescriptions for 90 days
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1(F):	opio_initial_define_Prescriptions to patients who have not had dispensed opioid prescriptions for 365 days
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1(G):	opio_initial_define_Prescriptions to patients who have not used opioids in the past 30 days
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1(H):	opio_initial_define_Prescriptions to patients who have not used opioids for more than 7 consecutive days during the previous 30 days
Variable Values:	0, 1

Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1(I):	opio_initial_define_Prescriptions for acute pain event
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1(J):	opio_initial_define_Law does not define initial prescriptions
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1(K):	opio_initial_define_Law does not restrict "initial prescriptions" for opioid analgesics
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 2.2:	Does the law define acute pain?
Question Type:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 2.2:	opio_acutepain
Variable Values:	0, 1, 2
Value Label:	0 = Yes
Value Label:	1 = No
Value Label:	2 = Law does not restrict opioid analgesic prescriptions for "acute pain"

Question 3:	Does the state restrict the duration of prescriptions for opioid analgesics?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 3:	opio_prescr1
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 3.1:	Does the limit on the duration of opioid analgesic prescriptions vary?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 3.1:	opio_limit_vary
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 3.2:	What is the maximum supply allowed in prescriptions for opioid analgesics for adults?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 3.2(A):	opio_maxnumber_3 days
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.2(B):	opio_maxnumber_4 days

Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.2(C):	opio_maxnumber_5 days
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.2(D):	opio_maxnumber_7 days
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.2(E):	opio_maxnumber_10 days
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.2(F):	opio_maxnumber_14 days
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Variable Name 3.2(G):	opio_maxnumber_30 days
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.2(H):	opio_maxnumber_31 days
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.2(I):	opio_maxnumber_90 days
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.2(J):	opio_maxnumber_Fewest number of days
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.2(K):	opio_maxnumber_Law only limits maximum supply for minors
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Question 3.3:	Is the duration limit different for minors?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 3.3:	opio_limitm
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 3.3.1:	What is the maximum supply allowed in prescriptions for opioid analgesics for minors?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 3.3.1(A):	opio_prescr12_3 days
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.3.1(B):	opio_prescr12_4 days
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.3.1(C):	opio_prescr12_5 days
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Variable Name 3.3.1(D):	opio_prescr12_7 days
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 4:	Does the state restrict the quantity in prescriptions for opioid analgesics?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 4:	opio_prescr123
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 4.1:	What is the maximum quantity allowed in prescriptions for opioid analgesics?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 4.1(A):	opio_prescr1234_20 doses
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 4.1(B):	opio_prescr1234_No greater quantity than needed
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No

Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 5:	Does the state restrict total dosage in prescriptions for opioid analgesics?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 5:	opio_prescr12345
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 5.1:	What is the level of the total dosage restriction?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 5.1(A):	opio_restri1_72 MME
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 5.1(B):	opio_restri1_350 MME
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 5.1(C):	opio_restri1_1200 MME
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No

Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 6:	Does the state restrict the daily dosage in prescriptions for opioid analgesics?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 6:	opio_doseli
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 6.1:	What is the daily dosage restriction?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 6.1(A):	opio_mme_amount_24 MME
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 6.1(B):	opio_mme_amount_30 MME
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 6.1(C):	opio_mme_amount_50 MME
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No

Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 6.1(D):	opio_mme_amount_90 MME
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 6.1(E):	opio_mme_amount_100 MME
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 6.1(F):	opio_mme_amount_120 MME
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 6.1(G):	opio_mme_amount_Lowest effective dosage
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 7:	Are certain healthcare providers specifically exempted from the state limit on prescriptions for opioid analgesics?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive

Variable Name 7:	opio_exempt
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 7.1:	Which healthcare providers are exempt from the state limit on prescriptions for opioid analgesics?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 7.1(A):	opio_prescr123456_Veterinarian
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 7.1(B):	opio_prescr123456_Pain management specialists
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 8:	Does the state limit apply to prescriptions for opioid analgesics only in specific health care settings?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 8:	opio_settin
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Question 8.1:	In which settings does the limit apply?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 8.1(A):	opio_applys_Emergency department
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 8.1(B):	opio_applys_Urgent care center
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 8.1(C):	opio_applys_Walk-in clinic
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 9:	For which DEA Schedules does the state limit on prescriptions for opioid analgesics apply?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 9(A):	opio_schedu_Schedule II
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Variable Name 9(B):	opio_schedu_Schedule III
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 9(C):	opio_schedu_Schedule IV
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 9(D):	opio_schedu_Schedule V
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 9(E):	opio_schedu_Schedules not specified in the law
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 10:	Are there exceptions to the prescribing limit?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 10:	opio_exceptions
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Question 10.1:	What conditions are exempt from the prescribing limit?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 10.1(A):	opio_exempt_condit_Palliative care
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 10.1(B):	opio_exempt_condit_Cancer-related pain
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 10.1(C):	opio_exempt_condit_Substance use disorder
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 10.1(D):	opio_exempt_condit_Chronic pain
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 10.1(E):	opio_exempt_condit_Traumatic injuries

Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 10.1(F):	opio_exempt_condit_Professional judgment
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 10.1(G):	opio_exempt_condit_Emergency department care
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 10.1(H):	opio_exempt_condit_Post-operative care
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 10.1(I):	opio_exempt_condit_Surgery with prolonged pain needs
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Variable Name 10.1(J):	opio_exempt_condit_Travel barrier
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 10.1(K):	opio_exempt_condit_Nursing facility
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 10.1(L):	opio_exempt_condit_Burns
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 10.1(M):	opio_exempt_condit_Prescription issued by pain management specialist
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 10.1(N):	opio_exempt_condit_Clinical trial
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No

Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 10.1(O):	opio_exempt_condit_Infants with neonatal abstinence syndrome
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 10.1(P):	opio_exempt_condit_Inpatient care
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 10.1(Q):	opio_exempt_condit_Allergic reaction to initial prescription
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 10.1(R):	opio_exempt_condit_Sickle cell anemia
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 10.1(S):	opio_exempt_condit_Acute medical condition
Variable Values:	0, 1

Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 10.1(T):	opio_exempt_condit_Other exceptions as determined by the Department of Health
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 11:	Does the law include penalties for non-compliance?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 11:	opio_noncom
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 11.1:	What are the possible penalties?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 11.1(A):	opio_penalt_Suspension
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 11.1(B):	opio_penalt_Revocation of license
Variable Values:	0, 1

Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 11.1(C):	opio_penalt_Denial of license
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 11.1(D):	opio_penalt_Non-disciplinary actions
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 11.1(E):	opio_penalt_Disciplinary actions
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 11.1(F):	opio_penalt_Sanctions
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 11.1(G):	opio_penalt_Fines

Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 11.1(H):	opio_penalt_Practice restrictions
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 11.1(I):	opio_penalt_License restrictions
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 11.1(J):	opio_penalt_Reprimand
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 11.1(K):	opio_penalt_Concern letter
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Variable Name 11.1(L):	opio_penalt_Probation
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 11.1(M):	opio_penalt_Remedial education
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 11.1(N):	opio_penalt_Censure
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 11.1(O):	opio_penalt_Imprisonment
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 11.2:	What agency is responsible for carrying out enforcement?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 11.2(A):	opio_noncom_enforc_State medical licensing board

Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 11.2(B):	opio_noncom_enforc_State department of health
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes