



# Codebook for COVID-19 State Medicaid Waivers for Substance Use Disorder Treatment

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Though very few states utilized Medicaid Waivers to accommodate substance use disorder treatment specifically, states have used Section 1115 Waivers, Section 1135 Waivers, and Section 1915(c) modifications to remove prior authorization barriers and increase the use of telehealth during the pandemic more broadly, which can in turn increase access to treatment for persons living with substance use disorder.

This dataset is cross-sectional and will display key features of state Medicaid Waivers relating to COVID-19 across all 50 states and the District of Columbia approved as of July 1, 2021.

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	
<b>Question 1:</b>	<b>Has the state received an approved Medicaid Waiver to address COVID-19?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical – check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 1(A):</b>	<b>JM_Waiver_Yes, Section 1115</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Variable Name 1(B):</b>	<b>JM_Waiver_Yes, Section 1135</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Variable Name 1(C):</b>	<b>JM_Waiver_Yes, Section 1915(c)</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 2:</b>	<b>Has the state received an approved Section 1115 Waiver to address COVID-19?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 2:</b>	<b>JM_1115</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 2.1:</b>	<b>Does the Section 1115 Waiver explicitly address substance use disorder (SUD) treatment?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 2.1:</b>	<b>JM_15sud</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 2.2:</b>	<b>Does the Section 1115 Waiver suspend limits for SUD treatment services?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 2.2:</b>	<b>JM_15slim</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 3:</b>	<b>Has the state received an approved Section 1135 Waiver to address COVID-19?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 3:</b>	<b>JM_1135</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No

Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 3.1:</b>	<b>Does the Section 1135 Waiver explicitly address SUD treatment?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 3.1:</b>	<b>JM_25sud</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 3.3:</b>	<b>Does the Section 1135 Waiver suspend prior authorization in fee-for-service plans?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 3.3:</b>	<b>JM_35pa</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 3.4:</b>	<b>Does the Section 1135 Waiver modify the submission deadline for the State Plan Amendment flexibilities for the new medication assisted treatment benefit required by the SUPPORT Act?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 3.4:</b>	<b>Med_SPA</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 4:</b>	<b>Has the state received an approved Section 1915(c) Waiver to address COVID-19?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 4:</b>	<b>JM_1915</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 4.1:</b>	<b>Does the Section 1915(c) Waiver explicitly address SUD treatment?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 4.1:</b>	<b>JM_19sud</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 4.2:</b>	<b>Does the waiver permit telehealth assessments in lieu of in-person assessments?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 4.2:</b>	<b>JM_19vir</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 4.2.1:</b>	<b>Does this provision explicitly apply to in-person assessments related to SUD?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive

<b>Variable Name</b> <b>4.2.1:</b>	<b>JM_19virexp</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 5:</b>	<b>Has the state adopted the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Medicaid expansion?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 5:</b>	<b>Med_exp</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes