Codebook for Overdose Data to Action: Harm Reduction Laws

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This codebook describes the variables in a dataset that examines variation in state laws regulating use and distribution of fentanyl test strips, community distribution of naloxone, and establishment of overdose prevention centers. This is a cross sectional dataset displaying statutes and regulations effective as of January 1, 2023. The jurisdictions selected for measurements are all 50 states, District of Columbia, and four U.S. territories.

There are four standard variables in every ASTHO 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 either the last date a law or policy was in effect prior to an amendment or the last date the researcher confirmed the law or policy was in effect during the research process.

LEGAL TEXT

This is a text box that captures all legal text relevant to the coding questions. This will not download into Microsoft Excel.

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 jurisdiction have a law authorizing an overdose prevention center?**
Question Type:	Binary – Mutually Exclusive
Variable Name 1:	**HarmReduction_OPCAuthorize**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.1:	**Is the overdose prevention center a pilot project?**
Question Type:	Binary – Mutually Exclusive
Variable Name 1.1:	**HarmReduction_OPCAuthorize_Pilot**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.2:	**Does the law require law enforcement authorization before operating?**
Question Type:	Binary – Mutually Exclusive
Variable Name 1.2:	**HarmReduction_OPC_LawEnforcement**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.3:	**Does the law require local government approval before operating?**
Question Type:	Binary – Mutually Exclusive
Variable Name 1.3:	**HarmReduction_OPC_LocalGovt**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.4:	**What services are overdose prevention centers required to provide?**
Question Type:	Categorical – Check all that Apply
Variable Name 1.4(A):	**HarmReduction_OPC_Services_Syringe Exchange**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 1.4(B):	**HarmReduction_OPC_Services_Fentanyl Test Strip**
Variable Values:	0, 1

Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 1.4(C):	**HarmReduction_OPC_Services_Naloxone**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 1.4(D):	**HarmReduction_OPC_Services_Referral to treatment for infectious disease**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 1.4(E):	**HarmReduction_OPC_Services_Referral to treatment for substance use disorder**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 1.4(F):	**HarmReduction_OPC_Services_**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 2:	**Are fentanyl test strips legally authorized in the jurisdiction?**
Question Type:	Categorical – Mutually Exclusive
Variable Name 2:	**HarmReduction_FTS_Authorized**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 3:	**Is there a law facilitating community distribution of fentanyl test strips?**
Question Type:	Binary – Mutually Exclusive
Variable Name 3:	**HarmReduction_FTS_CommunityDist**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 3.1:	**Does the law provide liability protections for distributors?**
Question Type:	Binary – Mutually Exclusive

Variable Name 3.1:	**HarmReduction_FTS_CommunityDist_Liability**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 3.2:	**Does the law require distribution without compensation?**
Question Type:	Binary – Mutually Exclusive
Variable Name 3.2:	**HarmReduction_FTS_CommunityDist_Compensation**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 4:	**Does the jurisdiction provide liability protections for laypeople or the general public to administer naloxone?**
Question Type:	Binary – Mutually Exclusive
Variable Name 4:	**HarmReduction_Naloxone_GeneralLiability**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 5:	**Is there a law facilitating community distribution of naloxone?**
Question Type:	Binary – Mutually Exclusive
Variable Name 5:	**HarmReduction_Naloxone_CommunityDist**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 5.1:	**Does the law support bulk purchasing of naloxone for lower costs to community organizations and non-profits distributing it?**
Question Type:	Binary – Mutually Exclusive
Variable Name 5.1:	**HarmReduction_Naloxone_CommunityDist_Bulk**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 5.2:	**Does the law provide liability protections for distributors?**
Question Type:	Binary – Mutually Exclusive
Variable Name 5.2:	**HarmReduction_Naloxone_CommunityDist_Liability**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No

Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 5.3:	**Does the law require distribution without compensation?**
Question Type:	Binary – Mutually Exclusive
Variable Name 5.3:	**HarmReduction_Naloxone_CommunityDist_Compensation**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes