

# Codebook for Medication- Assisted Treatment with Methadone (MAT) Laws

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## **MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT WITH METHADONE (MAT) LAWS**

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### **Codebook**

This codebook describes the variables in a dataset that examines variation in federal and state laws regulating Medication-Assisted Treatment with Methadone (MAT) laws. The jurisdictions selected for measurements are the United States, all 50 states and the District of Columbia. This dataset is updated through October 1, 2016.

There are six standard variables in every DAPS dataset. They are:

#### **ID:**

An identification code generated by the MonQcle.

#### **FIPS CODE:**

The Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) codes are a standardized set of numeric codes issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology to ensure uniform identification of geographic entities through all federal government agencies.

#### **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. This dataset began as a cross-sectional study intended to capture present day law as of September 1, 2014. The states' record effective date is the effective date of the most recent statute or regulation within the state record. Thus, there are laws within this dataset that were enacted prior to September 1, 2014, however they are still effective so they are included in the state record and assigned the appropriate states' record effective date.

#### **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.

#### **LEGAL TEXT:**

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

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| Question 1:      | <b>Does the jurisdiction have a law on the dispensing of methadone for the treatment of opioid use disorders?</b> |
| Question Type:   | Binary - mutually exclusive   |
| Variable Name:   | MAT_Law   |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1  |
| Value Label:     | 0 = No  |
| Value Label:     | 1 = Yes   |
| Question 2:      | <b>Are there laws regulating the operation of opioid treatment programs (OTPs)?</b>                               |
| Question Type:   | Binary - mutually exclusive   |
| Variable Name:   | MAT_OTPLaw  |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1  |
| Value Label:     | 0 = No  |
| Value Label:     | 1 = Yes   |
| Question 3:      | <b>Is physician evaluation required for new patient admission?</b>  |
| Question Type:   | Binary - mutually exclusive   |
| Variable Name:   | MAT_DREval  |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1  |
| Value Label:     | 0 = No  |
| Value Label:     | 1 = Yes   |
| Question 4:      | <b>How soon must the physician evaluate the new patient?</b>  |

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| Question Type:   | Categorical - mutually exclusive |
| Variable Name:   | MAT_EvalTime                     |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6              |
| Value Label:     | 0 = 1 day                        |
| Value Label:     | 1 = 2 days                       |
| Value Label:     | 2 = 3 days                       |
| Value Label:     | 3 = 7 days                       |
| Value Label:     | 4 = 14 days                      |
| Value Label:     | 5 = Not specified in the law     |
| Value Label:     | 6 = Other                        |

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| Question 5:      | <b>What is the standard minimum length of dependence permissible for new patient admission into an OTP?</b> |
| Question Type:   | Categorical - mutually exclusive  |
| Variable Name:   | MAT_DepTimeNP   |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1, 2, 3  |
| Value Label:     | 0 = 1 year  |
| Value Label:     | 1 = 2 years   |
| Value Label:     | 2 = Not specified in the law  |
| Value Label:     | 3 = Other   |

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| Question 6:      | <b>Are counseling services for admitted patients required at OTPs?</b> |
| Question Type:   | Binary - mutually exclusive  |
| Variable Name:   | MAT_Counsel  |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1   |
| Value Label:     | 0 = No   |

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| Value Label:       | 1 = Yes  |
| <b>Question 7:</b> | <b>Is there a mandatory patient to counselor ratio in the law?</b>   |
| Question Type:     | Binary - mutually exclusive  |
| Variable Name:     | MAT_ReqRatio   |
| Variable Values:   | 0, 1   |
| Value Label:       | 0 = No   |
| Value Label:       | 1 = Yes  |
| <b>Question 8:</b> | <b>What is the standard patient to counselor ratio?</b>              |
| Question Type:     | Categorical - mutually exclusive                                     |
| Variable Name:     | MAT_PCRatio  |
| Variable Values:   | 0, 1, 2, 3, 4  |
| Value Label:       | 0 = 50:1   |
| Value Label:       | 1 = 40:1   |
| Value Label:       | 2 = 35:1   |
| Value Label:       | 3 = 30:1   |
| Value Label:       | 4 = Other  |
| <b>Question 9:</b> | <b>Is treatment planning for admitted patients required at OTPs?</b> |
| Question Type:     | Binary - mutually exclusive  |
| Variable Name:     | MAT_Treat  |
| Variable Values:   | 0, 1   |
| Value Label:       | 0 = No   |
| Value Label:       | 1 = Yes  |

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| Question 10:     | <b>Is periodic review of the treatment plan required by law?</b> |
| Question Type:   | Binary - mutually exclusive                                      |
| Variable Name:   | MAT_TreatRev   |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1   |
| Value Label:     | 0 = No   |
| Value Label:     | 1 = Yes  |

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| Question 11:     | <b>Is random toxicology testing required?</b> |
| Question Type:   | Binary - mutually exclusive                   |
| Variable Name:   | MAT_Testing                                   |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1  |
| Value Label:     | 0 = No  |
| Value Label:     | 1 = Yes                                       |

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| Question 12:     | <b>How many random toxicology tests are required per year?</b> |
| Question Type:   | Categorical - mutually exclusive                               |
| Variable Name:   | MAT_NumTest  |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1, 2, 3, 4  |
| Value Label:     | 0 = 8  |
| Value Label:     | 1 = 12   |
| Value Label:     | 2 = 15   |
| Value Label:     | 3 = Not specified in the law                                   |
| Value Label:     | 4 = Other  |

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| Question 13:     | <b>Can patients receive approval for take-home medication?</b> |
| Question Type:   | Binary - mutually exclusive                                    |
| Variable Name:   | MAT_TakeHome   |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1   |
| Value Label:     | 0 = No   |
| Value Label:     | 1 = Yes  |

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| Question 14:     | <b>Does the jurisdiction require a central registry of OTP patients?</b> |
| Question Type:   | Binary - mutually exclusive  |
| Variable Name:   | MAT_CentReg  |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1   |
| Value Label:     | 0 = No   |
| Value Label:     | 1 = Yes  |