

Codebook for Short-Term Emergency Commitment Laws

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This codebook describes the variables in a dataset that examines the variation in state laws regulating short-term emergency civil commitment. This dataset is longitudinal and captures laws in effect from October 1, 2014 through February 1, 2016. The jurisdictions selected for measurements are the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

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

ID

An identification code generated by the LawAtlas Workbench.

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.

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.

Questions	
Question 1:	Is there a state law regulating emergency commitment of an individual?
Question Type:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1:	CC_law
Variable Values:	1, 2
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Value Label:	2 = No
Question 2:	
Under which circumstances can an individual be held for emergency commitment?	
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 2:	CCCirER_Danger to self
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 3:	
Under which circumstances can an individual be held for emergency commitment?	
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 3:	CCCirER_Danger to others
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 4:	
Under which circumstances can an individual be held for emergency commitment?	
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 4:	CCCirER_Mentally ill
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 5:	
Under which circumstances can an individual be held for emergency commitment?	
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 5:	CCCirER_Danger to self due to mental illness
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Question 6:	Under which circumstances can an individual be held for emergency commitment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 6:	CCCirER_Danger to others due to mental illness
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 7:	Under which circumstances can an individual be held for emergency commitment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 7:	CCCirER_Recently attempted suicide
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 8:	Under which circumstances can an individual be held for emergency commitment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 8:	CCCirER_Gravely disabled
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 9:	Under which circumstances can an individual be held for emergency commitment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 9:	CCCirER_Unable to meet basic needs
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 10:	What is the duration of an emergency commitment?
Question Type:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 10:	CCLength
Variable Values:	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Value Label:	1 = 24 hours
Value Label:	2 = 30 hours
Value Label:	3 = 48 hours
Value Label:	4 = 72 hours
Value Label:	5 = 96 hours

Value Label:	6 = 5 days
Value Label:	7 = 7 days
Value Label:	8 = 10 days
Value Label:	9 = Unspecified amount of time
Question 11:	Who can initiate emergency commitment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 11:	CCInit_Relative
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 12:	Who can initiate emergency commitment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 12:	CCInit_Friend
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 13:	Who can initiate emergency commitment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 13:	CCInit_Police officer
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 14:	Who can initiate emergency commitment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 14:	CCInit_Peace officer
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 15:	Who can initiate emergency commitment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 15:	CCInit_Parole officer
Variable Values:	0, 1

Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 16:	Who can initiate emergency commitment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 16:	CCInit_Physician
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 17:	Who can initiate emergency commitment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 17:	CCInit_Nurse
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 18:	Who can initiate emergency commitment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 18:	CCInit_Advanced practice registered nurse (APRN)
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 19:	Who can initiate emergency commitment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 19:	CCInit_Physician assistant
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 20:	Who can initiate emergency commitment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 20:	CCInit_Psychologist
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Question 21:	Who can initiate emergency commitment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 21:	CCInit_Psychiatrist
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 22:	Who can initiate emergency commitment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 22:	CCInit_Mental health professional
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 23:	Who can initiate emergency commitment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 23:	CCInit_Any interested person
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 24:	Who can initiate emergency commitment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 24:	CCInit_Medical directors
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 25:	Who can initiate emergency commitment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 25:	CCInit_Hospital staff
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 26:	Who can initiate emergency commitment?

Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 26:	CCInit_Attorney
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 27:	Who can initiate emergency commitment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 27:	CCInit_Judge
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 28:	Who can initiate emergency commitment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 28:	CCInit_Social worker
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 29:	Who can initiate emergency commitment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 29:	CCInit_Clergy
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 30:	Who can initiate emergency commitment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 30:	CCInit_Government employee in the course of employment
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 31:	Who can initiate emergency commitment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 31:	CCInit_County appointed professional

Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 32:	Who can initiate emergency commitment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 32:	CCInit_Mental health program
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 33:	Who can initiate emergency commitment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 33:	CCInit_Guardian
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 34:	Is judicial review of the emergency commitment required?
Question Type:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 34:	CCExtRevYN
Variable Values:	1, 2
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Value Label:	2 = No
Question 35:	When is external review of the emergency commitment required?
Question Type:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 35:	CCWhenER
Variable Values:	1, 2
Value Label:	1 = Before individual is admitted
Value Label:	2 = After individual is admitted
Question 36:	Can the emergency commitment be extended without a court order?
Question Type:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 36:	CCExtnd
Variable Values:	1, 2
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Value Label:	2 = No
Question 37:	What must be provided to a patient who has been committed?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 37:	CCInfo_Reason for commitment
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 38:	What must be provided to a patient who has been committed?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 38:	CCInfo_Right to refuse medication
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 39:	What must be provided to a patient who has been committed?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 39:	CCInfo_Right to refuse treatment
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 40:	What must be provided to a patient who has been committed?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 40:	CCInfo_Right to make a phone call
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 41:	What must be provided to a patient who has been committed?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 41:	CCInfo_Right to see an attorney
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Question 42:	What must be provided to a patient who has been committed?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 42:	CCInfo_Right to see a health care professional for an assessment
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 43:	What must be provided to a patient who has been committed?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 43:	CCInfo_Right to appeal the emergency commitment
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 44:	What must be provided to a patient who has been committed?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 44:	CCInfo_Nothing needs to be provided
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 45:	What type of health care professional performs the assessment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 45:	CCHCPAsmt_Physician
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 46:	What type of health care professional performs the assessment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 46:	CCHCPAsmt_Nurse
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 47:	What type of health care professional performs the assessment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply

Variable Name 47:	CCHCPAsmt_Psychiatrist
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 48:	What type of health care professional performs the assessment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 48:	CCHCPAsmt_Psychologist
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 49:	What type of health care professional performs the assessment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 49:	CCHCPAsmt_Mental health professional
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 50:	What type of health care professional performs the assessment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 50:	CCHCPAsmt_County appointed professional
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 51:	What type of health care professional performs the assessment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 51:	CCHCPAsmt_Advanced practice registered nurse (APRN)
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 52:	What type of health care professional performs the assessment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 52:	CCHCPAsmt_Physician assistant
Variable Values:	0, 1

Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 53:	What type of health care professional performs the assessment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 53:	CCHCPAsmt_Social worker
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 54:	What type of health care professional performs the assessment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 54:	CCHCPAsmt_Coroner
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 55:	What type of health care professional performs the assessment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 55:	CCHCPAsmt_Type of healthcare professional not specified
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 56:	What type of health care professional performs the assessment?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 56:	CCHCPAsmt_No assessment required
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 57:	Within how many hours?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 57:	CCHrs
Variable Values:	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
Value Label:	1 = On arrival
Value Label:	2 = 3 hours

Value Label:	3 = 6 hours
Value Label:	4 = 12 hours
Value Label:	5 = 17 hours
Value Label:	6 = 24 hours
Value Label:	7 = 36 hours
Value Label:	8 = 48 hours
Value Label:	9 = 72 hours
Value Label:	10 = No required time frame for examination
Question 58:	Must the hospital provide the patient transportation when he/she is discharged?
Question Type:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 58:	CCTrans
Variable Values:	1, 2
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Value Label:	2 = No
Question 59:	Does short-term civil commitment limit an individual's right to possess a firearm?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 59:	CCFirearms
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes