

# Codebook for Syringe Service Program Laws

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As federal public health funding decreases and regulatory protections are scaled back, the role of states in promoting health and well-being is increasingly important. The Promoting Health and Cost Control in States (PHACCS) project focuses on state level policies that can be adopted and implemented to promote health and control cost growth. As part of that project, the Policy Surveillance Program has worked with Trust for America's Health to create this dataset, which focuses on syringe service program laws as of August 1, 2019.

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. There are four standard variables in every LawAtlas 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.

Questions	
<b>Question 1:</b>	<b>Does state law allow for the operation of syringe service programs (SSPs)?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 1:</b>	<b>ssp_does state allow</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 2:</b>	<b>How does the state remove legal barriers to the operation of SSPs?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 2:</b>	<b>ssp_how remove barriers_Syringe exchange is explicitly authorized by state law</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 3:</b>	<b>How does the state remove legal barriers to the operation of SSPs?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 3:</b>	<b>ssp_how remove barriers_State law does not prohibit the free distribution of drug paraphernalia</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 4:</b>	<b>How does the state remove legal barriers to the operation of SSPs?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 4:</b>	<b>ssp_how remove barriers_The definition of drug paraphernalia does not refer to objects used for injecting drugs</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 5:</b>	<b>How does the state remove legal barriers to the operation of SSPs?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 5:</b>	<b>ssp_how remove barriers_The definition of drug paraphernalia explicitly excludes objects used for injecting drugs</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

<b>Question 6:</b>	<b>How does the state remove legal barriers to the operation of SSPs?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 6:</b>	<b>ssp_how remove barriers_State has no drug paraphernalia law</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 7:</b>	<b>Is residue explicitly exempt from the ban on controlled substances?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 7:</b>	<b>ssp_residue</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 8:</b>	<b>Does state law explicitly authorize SSPs?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 8:</b>	<b>ssp_does state authorize</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 9:</b>	<b>Is local government approval required prior to operation?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 9:</b>	<b>ssp_local approval</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 10:</b>	<b>Must local law enforcement be consulted prior to operation?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 10:</b>	<b>ssp_law enforcement consulted</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 11:</b>	<b>Does the state require one-for-one exchanges?</b>

Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 11:</b>	<b>ssp_one for one</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 12:</b>	<b>Does the law require direct exchange?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 12:</b>	<b>ssp_direct exchange</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 13:</b>	<b>What additional services must be provided at SSPs?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 13:</b>	<b>ssp_services required provided_Drug abuse treatment services</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 14:</b>	<b>What additional services must be provided at SSPs?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 14:</b>	<b>ssp_services required provided_HIV screening</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 15:</b>	<b>What additional services must be provided at SSPs?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 15:</b>	<b>ssp_services required provided_Hepatitis screening</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 16:</b>	<b>What additional services must be provided at SSPs?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 16:</b>	<b>ssp_services required provided_Tuberculosis screening</b>

Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 17:</b>	<b>What additional services must be provided at SSPs?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 17:</b>	<b>ssp_services required provided_Sexually transmitted infections screening</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 18:</b>	<b>What additional services must be provided at SSPs?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 18:</b>	<b>ssp_services required provided_Educational services</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 19:</b>	<b>What additional services must be provided at SSPs?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 19:</b>	<b>ssp_services required provided_Naloxone services</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 20:</b>	<b>What additional services must be provided at SSPs?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 20:</b>	<b>ssp_services required provided_Disposal services</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 21:</b>	<b>What additional services must be provided at SSPs?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 21:</b>	<b>ssp_services required provided_None</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No

Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 22:</b>	<b>What additional services must be provided by referral?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 22:</b>	<b>spp_services required referral_Drug abuse treatment services</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 23:</b>	<b>What additional services must be provided by referral?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 23:</b>	<b>spp_services required referral_HIV screening</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 24:</b>	<b>What additional services must be provided by referral?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 24:</b>	<b>spp_services required referral_Hepatitis screening</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 25:</b>	<b>What additional services must be provided by referral?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 25:</b>	<b>spp_services required referral_Sexually transmitted infections screening</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 26:</b>	<b>What additional services must be provided by referral?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 26:</b>	<b>spp_services required referral_Tuberculosis screening</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

<b>Question 27:</b>	<b>What additional services must be provided by referral?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 27:</b>	<b>ssp_services required referral_Housing services</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 28:</b>	<b>What additional services must be provided by referral?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 28:</b>	<b>ssp_services required referral_Educational services</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 29:</b>	<b>What additional services must be provided by referral?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 29:</b>	<b>ssp_services required referral_Naloxone services</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 30:</b>	<b>What additional services must be provided by referral?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 30:</b>	<b>ssp_services required referral_Disposal services</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 31:</b>	<b>What additional services must be provided by referral?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 31:</b>	<b>ssp_services required referral_None</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 32:</b>	<b>Does state law allow for the possession of syringes by SSP participants?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive



<b>Variable Name 32:</b>	<b>ssp_allow possession</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 33:</b>	<b>How does the state allow for possession of syringes by SSP participants?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 33:</b>	<b>ssp_how allow possession_Law exempts SSP participants</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 34:</b>	<b>How does the state allow for possession of syringes by SSP participants?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 34:</b>	<b>ssp_how allow possession_It is an affirmative defense that syringes were obtained from an SSP</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 35:</b>	<b>How does the state allow for possession of syringes by SSP participants?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 35:</b>	<b>ssp_how allow possession_State does not prohibit simple possession</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 36:</b>	<b>How does the state allow for possession of syringes by SSP participants?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 36:</b>	<b>ssp_how allow possession_Law explicitly excludes objects used for injecting drugs</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 37:</b>	<b>How does the state allow for possession of syringes by SSP participants?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 37:</b>	<b>ssp_how allow possession_Law provides immunity for individuals who disclose possession of syringes to police officers prior to search</b>

Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 38:</b>	<b>How does the state allow for possession of syringes by SSP participants?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 38:</b>	<b>ssp_how allow possession_The definition of drug paraphernalia does not refer to objects used for injecting drugs</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 39:</b>	<b>How does the state allow for possession of syringes by SSP participants?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 39:</b>	<b>ssp_how allow possession_Law provides exception if the syringe is unused and is in a sealed, sterile package</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 40:</b>	<b>How does the state allow for possession of syringes by SSP participants?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 40:</b>	<b>ssp_how allow possession_State has no law regarding drug paraphernalia</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 41:</b>	<b>Does the state have a drug paraphernalia law?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 41:</b>	<b>ssp_paraph law</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 42:</b>	<b>What is included in the definition of drug paraphernalia?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 42:</b>	<b>ssp_included drug paraph_Syringes</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1

Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 43:</b>	<b>What is included in the definition of drug paraphernalia?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 43:</b>	<b>ssp_included drug paraph_Injecting</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 44:</b>	<b>What is included in the definition of drug paraphernalia?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 44:</b>	<b>ssp_included drug paraph_Objects used for injecting drugs are explicitly excluded from the definition of drug paraphernalia</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 45:</b>	<b>What is included in the definition of drug paraphernalia?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 45:</b>	<b>ssp_included drug paraph_Objects used for injecting drugs are not included in the definition of drug paraphernalia</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 46:</b>	<b>What is included in the definition of drug paraphernalia?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 46:</b>	<b>ssp_included drug paraph_State has separate law involving objects used for injecting drugs</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 47:</b>	<b>Are SSPs operating in the jurisdiction?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 47:</b>	<b>ssp_NASEN</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1

Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes