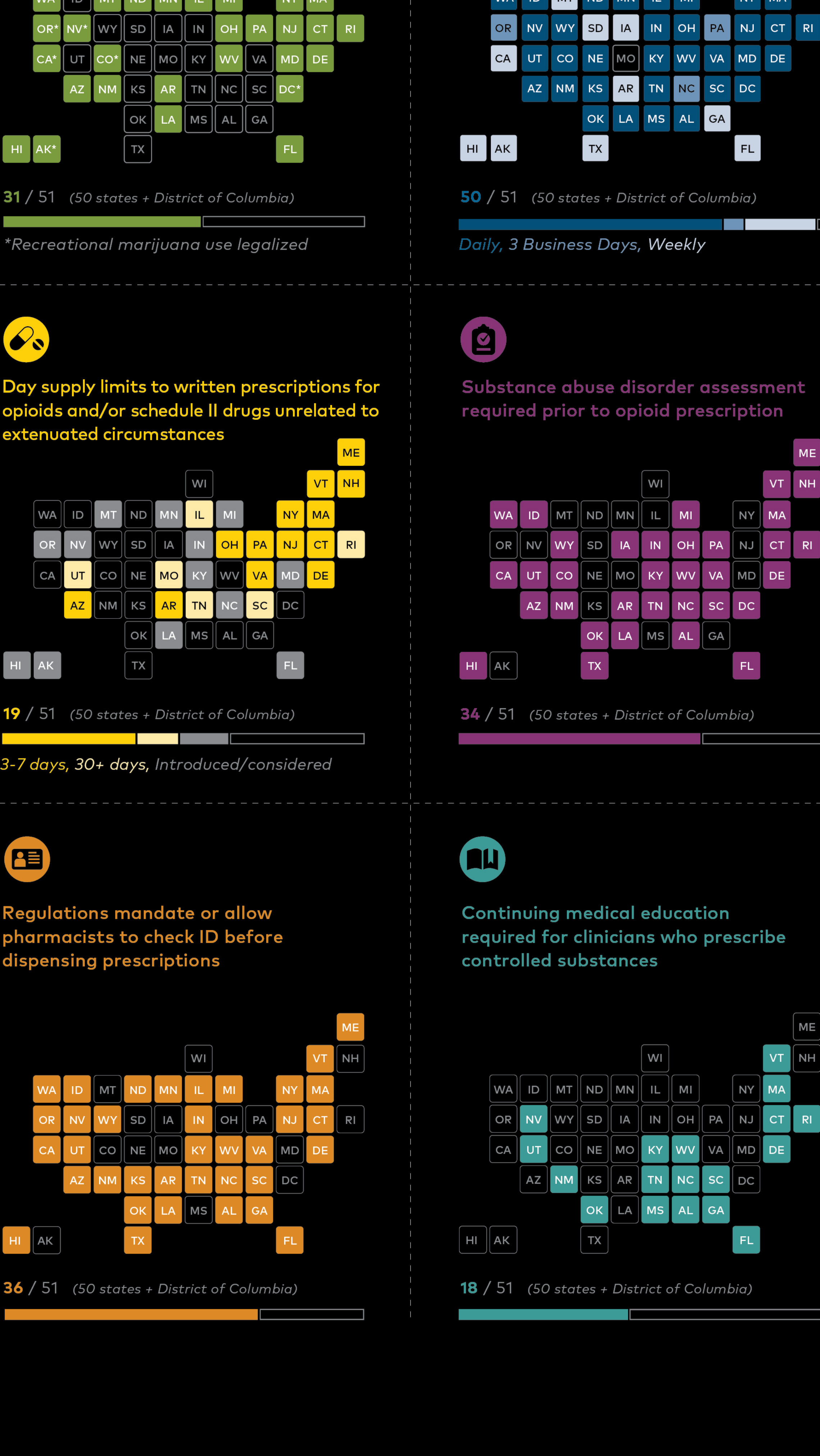


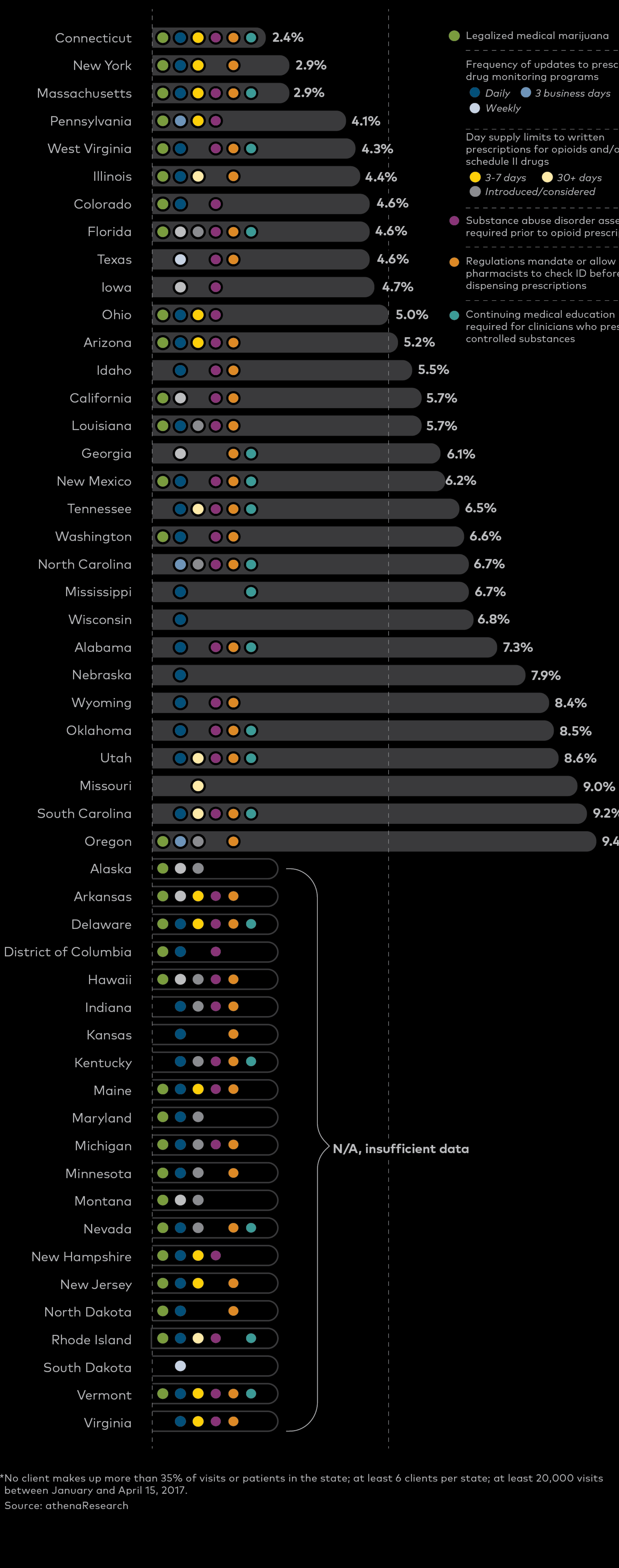
A nationwide breakdown of pain management and prescription regulations

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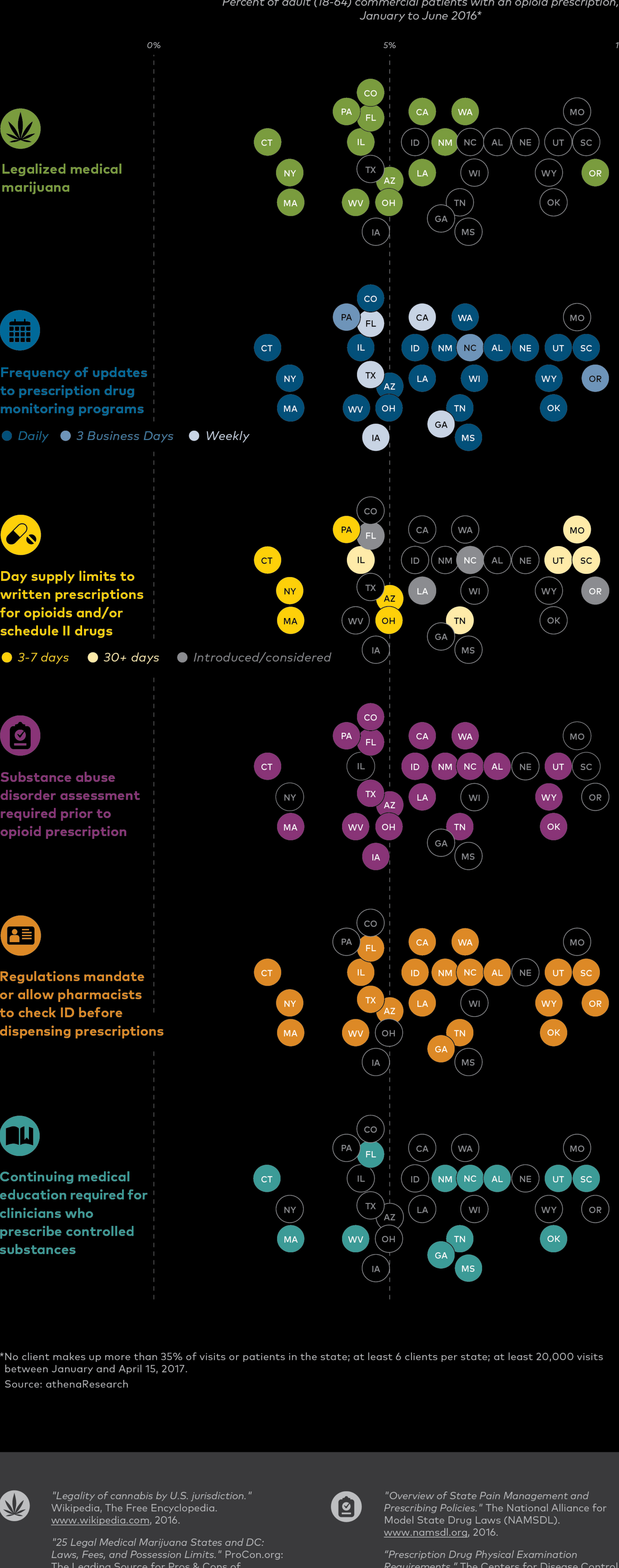
How state-by-state laws vary around prescription pain management



How the regulations line up with opioid prescription rates, state by state



How state opioid prescribing rates compare, policy by policy



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