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Subject: Re: LCSW Question

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Per the Rules, Standards, and Procedures Rule 117-

B. Medication and Mind or Mood Altering Substances. A social worker shall not dispense medication or controlled substances to a client, or accept these substances from a client for personal use or gain. In an appropriate setting, a social worker may deliver a previously dispensed medication to the client for whom it was specifically prescribed or ordered by an authorized prescriber. A social worker may witness and verify the client's disposal of the client's medication. Under no circumstances shall a social worker offer alcoholic beverages or mood altering substances to a client.

Let me know if this helps/ answers your question!

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From: Gray, Scott <Scott.Gray@merakey.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 11:09 AM
To: Maddy Andras <Maddy.Andras@labswe.org>
Subject: LCSW Question

Hi,

My name is Scott Gray and I am an LCSW here in Louisiana. I currently work for an ACT team (Assertive Community Treatment) that involves going into the community to provide services to clients. Our act team has various members, including housing specialists, nursing, medication management, employment specialist, and counseling (provided by the LCSW).

As a team member, we are often required to deliver medications to our clients. This does NOT include giving the client the medication to take in any way, form, or fashion. It simply means we have a bag with their medications (as our

program also has a pharmacy and our clients get prescribed medication by the physician) that when we visit them, we deliver the medications when they are ready to be delivered. Our population is treatment resistant, so ACT is meant to engage clients who otherwise would not engage in an outpatient environment on their own. It is also meant to avoid them continually going into the hospital.

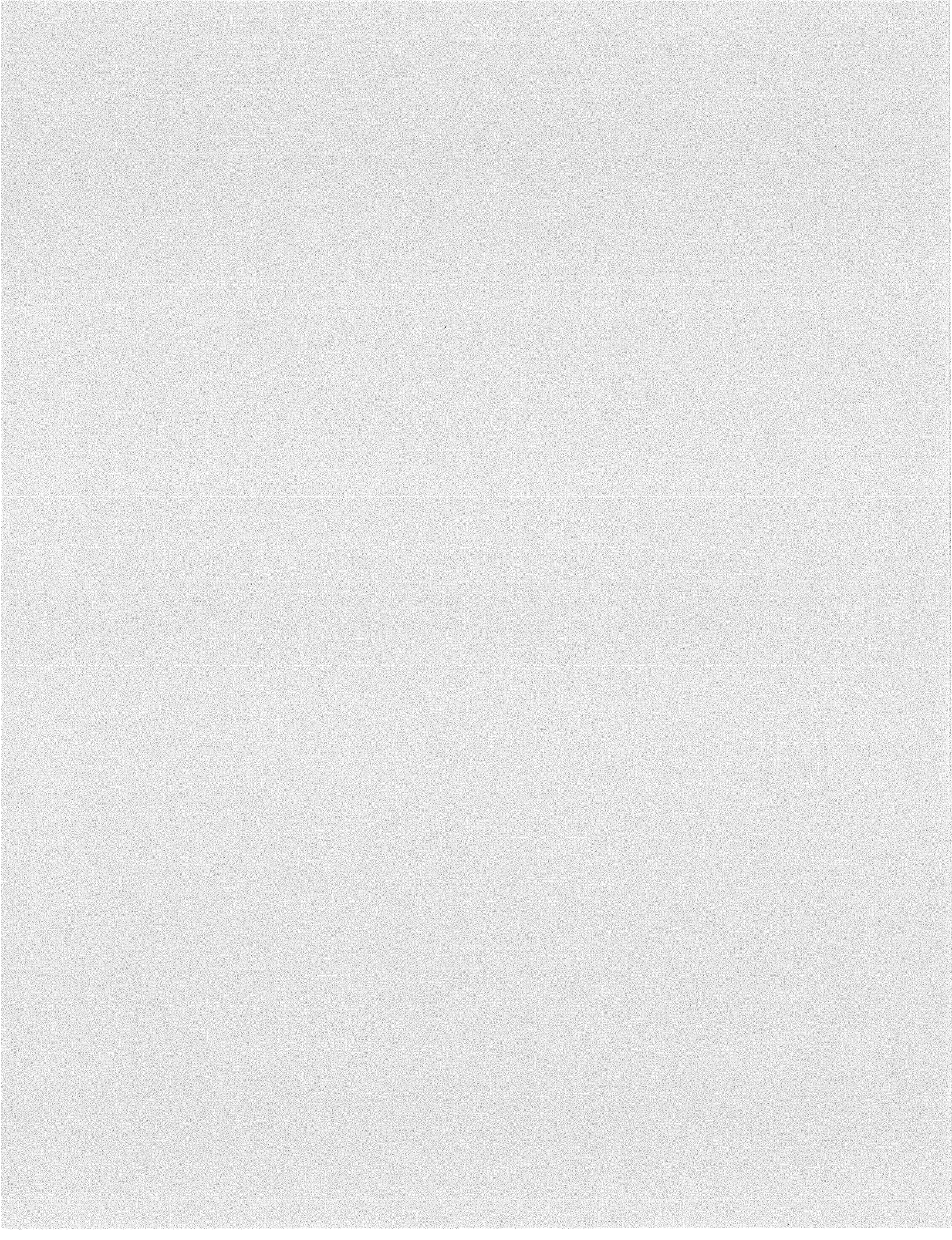
I want to make sure that it is acceptable as part of my job to deliver these medications to clients as needed. Again, it is not giving them the medication to take right then and there at any point, as that is definitely outside of our scope; rather, it simply involves delivery.

Can you please let me know that it is acceptable to do this as part of the ACT team. I am one of the LCSWs on the team and I want to make sure there are no problems license wise with delivery of medication.

I look forward to your response.

Thank you,

Scott Gray, LCSW



Emily DeAngelo

From: Social Work
Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 11:25 AM
To: Emily DeAngelo
Subject: Fw: No surprise act

From: Tyshica Lofton <tlofton.socialworker@gmail.com>
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Subject: No surprise act

Hi

How does this "no surprise act" apply to social workers? If applicable what changes are we expected to make? Please advise.

Thanks,
Ty Lofton

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Are there any among you who are really wise and understanding? Then you should show your wisdom by living right. You should do what is good with humility. A wise person does not boast. James 3:13

