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Department of Mental Health

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2021-1(A) ADSAC Guidance on Utilization of the TAAD-5 For Question #3.

There seems to be some confusion on how to respond to question #3 (How often do you use other drugs?) on the TAAD-5. When the participant is taking prescribed psychoactive medications such as opiates, sedative/hypnotics, stimulants, cannabis, etc. the response is being marked as "Never (Go to #5)." In many cases the reason that's being done is because it is a prescription. ADSAC has communicated with the creator of the TAAD-5, Dr. Norman Hoffman for his opinion on what the proper response in this case should be, and he replied:

- His statement is as follows "I agree that Item 3 should be answered with regard to any current use. If used as prescribed for medical conditions that should be noted as a comment. In some cases, an individual might have a medical authorization but also misuses the cannabis or medication. That should show up in positive findings for drugs in the diagnostic questions on the TAAD-5."

From this point on, when the participant is taking prescribed psychoactive medications, please mark their use timeframe on question #3 and mark what the medication is on the last question on page 3 of the TAAD-5 "Which drugs, if any, were used in the past 12 months" and under the "Comments" note that it/they are prescribed.

Sincerely,

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