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**INFORMED CONSENT FOR TREATMENT
AND LIMITS OF LIABILITY**

Therapy sessions carry both benefits and risks. Therapy sessions can significantly reduce the amount of distress someone is feeling, improve relationships, and/or resolve other specific issues. However, these improvements and any “cures” cannot be guaranteed for any condition due to the many variables that affect the therapy sessions, including many factors not within the control of your therapist. Experiencing uncomfortable feelings and discussing unpleasant situations and/or aspects of your life are considered risks of therapy sessions.

Limits of Confidentiality:

What you discuss during your therapy session is kept confidential. No contents of the therapy sessions, whether verbal or written may be shared with another party without your written consent or the written consent of your legal guardian. The following is a list of exceptions:

Duty to Warn and Protect

If you disclose a plan or threat to harm yourself, the therapist must attempt to notify your family and notify legal authorities. In addition, if you disclose a plan to threat or harm another person, the therapist is required to warn the possible victim and notify legal authorities.

Abuse of Children and Dependent Adults

If you disclose, or it is suspected, that there is abuse or harmful neglect of children or dependent adults (i.e. the elderly, disabled/incompetent), the therapist must report this information to the appropriate state agency and/or legal authorities.

Minors/Guardianship

Parents or legal guardians of non-emancipated minor clients have the right to access the clients’ records.

Insurance Providers

Insurance companies and other third-party payers are given information that they request regarding services to the clients. The type of information that may be requested includes: types of service, dates/times of service, diagnosis, treatment plan, description of impairment, progress of therapy, case notes, summaries, etc.

By signing below, I agree to the above assumption of risk and limits of liability and confidentiality, understand their meanings and ramifications, and consent to treatment with full understanding of this information.

Client Signature (Client’s Parent/Guardian if under 18)

Date