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Electronic Communication Informed Consent

Clients must consent to the use of electronic communication for confidential medical information after having been informed of the the following:

Electronic communication security and confidentiality cannot be guaranteed to to the following potential risk factors:

- ❖ Unintended recipients may receive the information
- ❖ Information may be forwarded to others without the client's permission
- ❖ Electronically transmitted information can be more readily falsified than written information
- ❖ Information may be sent to the wrong destination or recipient
- ❖ Despite deletions of electronic information, that information may still exist within the electronic systems

Consent to the use of electronic communication for confidential medical information includes agreement with the following conditions:

- ❖ Electronic communication includes email, text messages and faxed information
- ❖ The client and therapist must agree to the appropriate use of electronic communication
- ❖ Electronic communication regarding confidential medical information may also be printed and maintained in the client's file
- ❖ Due to security risks, caution in the use of electronic communication is essential
- ❖ Client's do not have a right to privacy within their employer's email systems, and therefore it should not be used to send or receive confidential medical information
- ❖ Client's who consent to use of electronic communication are responsible for informing the therapist of any type of information they do not want to be sent electronically
- ❖ Use of electronic communication with the therapist does not ensure immediate response from the therapist. You should proceed to the emergency room or call 911 with any emergencies or life threatening situations.

This consent is valid for the entire course of treatment and may be withdrawn by the client, in writing, at any time.

Clients Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian (if under 18) _____ Date _____

Therapist Signature _____ Date _____